

Playground Committee Meeting February 2015

In attendance: Dela Bryan, Mic Fitzharris, Jim Laurino, Jeff Politis
visiting Al Marks, Beth Stephenson, Bill Theis.

Dave Nordheimer resigned. We now need to have 4 new members.

First order of business: Grant writing.

We will write a one page proposal to the town of Arden for the preservation and care of the equipment.

Grants need to request:

- installation
- maintenance
- purchasing of equipment

Jeff spoke with Bob regarding the process for obtaining a grant from the state of Delaware process starts in the summer and grants are awarded in the fall.

-We discussed the importance of having the design incorporate proper drainage.

- In the presentation we gave at town meeting we omitted the safety requirement of a small mulch area at the base of the slide.

Beth Stevenson shared with us her successful grant writing at Whiilmington Christian Academy. She will assist us with the process using the computer data base at the University of Delaware- linked to a foundation center.

Key points:

Each foundation has specific goals/priorities. Some examples are, non profit, children, adults, health and wellness.

Dela agreed to write to the local Lions club. Key points in the request letter- target age group, child development, part of a natural playground and healthy, safe, and fun for entire community.

Jeff spoke with Bill Duncan at White Oak landscaping. This is the same company that designed the lovely landscape at DEEC.

We also contacted Chalfonte construction company.

Mulch: we decided buy mulch and have it delivered in March. New Holland Mulch is less expensive.

Albert Marks: Set up an account at American in Indiana. Contact person is Cherrie.

Rick Rothrock might be a resource for moving rocks.

We discussed asking for donations in the page. Dela will draft a letter.

Jeff emailed Cathy Cloutier. Next is to contact Bryan Short and John Cartier

Ideas for fund raising:

- Silent auction
- Lions Club
- Grants
- Garage Sale
- Sell Tee shirts
- Arden Dinner (publicity)
- Bumper sticker idea (I slid down Mount Arden)
- Donations are tax deductible

Next Meeting first Thursday in March at the Buzz Ware Village Center.

Submitted by D. Bryan