

Playground Committee Minutes

March 2015

In Attendance: Dela Bryan, Mick Fitzharris, Jeff Politis, Jim Laurino. Visiting Bill Theis

We discussed need to write State Grant. We believe money will be available in the Fall 2015.

We all agreed that preservation and care of the existing playgrounds is what we are focused on. The proposal that was passed in the Town Meeting in Jan 2015 was for us to proceed forward with building a terrain slide.

Our slide presentation outlined that terrain slide will be:

- safer than a stand alone slide

- will require almost no mulch

 - (however, some mulch or padding is needed at the base where people land)

- better over all for the health of the green and the Fells Oak

- good for all ages

The money we raise will not be land rent-money. We are collecting donations from individuals and we wrote an upbeat letter to the page outlining the points made in the presentation. All members of the committee are donating.

Next is to replace the swing hangers. The brackets on the Green street (horses) swing set have a wider top bar (3 1/2") and this needs to be considered when ordering.

Also, much more mulch is needed in this playground area.

We discussed the baby swing formerly in this swing set.

The current standards do not recommend having more than 2 swings in a bay.

We agreed not to put a baby swing back on as we are committed to adhering to current standards of safety.

Dela read her fund solicitation letter to Rotary and Lions Club.

She will make recommended changes and send it to committee members.

Goal is to send this letter this weekend.

Letters will go to Cathy Cloutier and Lowes too.

To do: Contact Beth Stevenson for help with grant writing.

Meet again to plan the dinner in May - cookout with veggie and beef sliders, macaroni salad, and baked beans. Dessert to be announced.

Next Meeting Thursday April 2nd 7:00.

Submitted by.

Dela Bryan

March 13 2015