

On March 3rd, 2016 playground committee met.

In attendance: Dela Bryan, Mick Fitzharris, AJ Stalloni, Jim Laurino, and Katrina Streiff.

Visitors: Ed Rohrbach, Albert Marks, Bill Theis, and Richard Cropper (contractor)

We met to discuss the progress of the terrain slide.

Jeff Politis, town chair sent us a thoughtful letter outlining concerns and suggestions to move forward.

1. Concern with the steep drop from slide to base
2. Safety of climbing rocks
3. Discuss rocks on top

J. Politis also suggested that we have a third party review the design. Jeff offered to get names to do this.

Al Marks has concerns and expressed them in a way that first addressed things that are going well with the build and his safety concerns with the rock wall and rocks on top. He feels that the new design is very different from what we presented to the town originally.

Richard Cropper contractor explained that he was able to obtain extra rocks and created the rock wall with the surplus.

The direction of the slide has been moved to north east. Originally it was due north. This change was made due to the need to provide adequate drainage while protecting the Fells Oak.

The mound appears higher b/c of the steep incline. It is actually 6 inches higher than we originally expected.

Two positive items. R Cropper found a rock that is shaped like a small couch. This is on top of the terrain mound and it provides a resting place for folks who want to take in the scenery. Second positive point, the steps will not be as costly as we originally thought.

Ed Rohrbach and Bill Theis expressed safety concerns regarding the rock wall and numerous pointy rocks on top. Both were concerned about the changes.

Jim Laurino said he brought his 4 grandchildren to the slide and watched them as they tested it out. He said all of them liked it and enjoyed the rock wall.

R. Cropper is willing to make any changes that are needed. He will wait to hear what the insurance company says before moving forward.

Dela Bryan is concerned about the rocks on either side of the slide and asked that the pointy rocks be moved and dirt added so hands will not be scraped when people slide down.

We discussed options.

It was decided that we would first call our insurance representative and make sure that the terrain slide is in fact covered.

The path material we selected will enable grass to grow between the rings. This will be good for footing and for a natural look.

The base of the slide will have a landing material in keeping with safety codes.

When the rocks are properly placed and the sod placed the terrain slide will look very different. We ask that the town please be patient with the process as we are all volunteers who want this slide to be safe for all. It will take more time to get things just right.

Next Meeting Thursday April 7th.

D. Bryan