

September 6, 2017 Minutes, Playground Committee

Members in attendance: Eric Braunstein, Ruth Panella, Larry Walker

Met inside for entire meeting since inspection had been achieved during the day. Recognized necessity of altering inspection due to early darkness time. Probable procedure will be pairing off to perform inspections during the daylight in the week prior to monthly meeting. Larry/ Carl on Sherwood; Ruth/ Daryl/Eric on Arden Green. Evaluations should be noted and then the form can be signed at the meeting. // Ruth acknowledged forgetting--and thereby missing--the Advisory meeting on Tuesday, 9/5/17 (One member of each committee is required to attend prior to each of the scheduled Town Meetings: Jan., March, June, and Sept.)

We continued to share info learned regarding lead risk and recommended procedures thus far practiced. Eric offered a site by U.S. National Library of Medicine: "...moderate lead contamination (*address with*) bark chip on playground surfaces..." This has been the ongoing maintaining of surface areas by previous and current committees. In addition, lead-free painting of equipment throughout more than two decades has further decreased the risk. Our research continues (UD testing kit's specs to be sought by Larry). If concern still exists, town may vote on a motion put forth by us for further testing. Should a resident have questions, Eric has agreed to be the contact: EricBraunsteinDE@gmail.com
Plan by Civic for picnic table at upper end of Arden Green: viewpoint from three members present: nice idea but not needed and not necessarily desirable. Next meeting date: October 4, 2017

Work achieved, August 2—September 6, 2017

- Daryl and Sam were reimbursed for materials; dirt and mulch added at entrance to top of terrain slide; spoke with Al Marks who indicated that Civic does have a plan to put a picnic table at upper end of Arden Green but assured their willingness to address Playground's views; due to rainy weather the monthly inspection was completed prior to meeting (Ruth)
- searched online for more info regarding lead contamination and found support for procedures to follow: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/7786947> (Eric)
- determine analysis provided by and cost for testing--using kits from UD Extension Service (Larry)

Upcoming and/or unfinished work

- bushing repair (see 8/2/17 minutes); order mulch required for Arden Green side; eventual and temporary removal of hoses for oiling and other maintenance (Larry)
- spread same mulch (whoever is at hand)
- cement loose bench (see 8/2/17 minutes) (Daryl)
- rust on equipment (no one as yet)

New business As mentioned above: new time and method are to be followed for achieving inspections, and Eric has agreed to be contact person re: questions about lead, should there be a need for a spokesperson.

Submitted by Ruth P.