

MINUTES OF PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2020 AT BWVC

Attendees: Carl Falco, Frank Maier, Larry Walker

Visitor: Jeff Politis

1. Chairman Daryl Holcomb had announced through an e-mail that he would be unable to attend the regularly scheduled Committee Meeting on February 1, 2020 for health and personal reasons, so that Meeting was not held. Larry Walker called a Special Committee Meeting for tonight, as the Committee needed to discuss how to deal with the State of Delaware Grant of \$33,000 for playground equipment updates.
2. Originally the Committee had been told that since the major concern and purpose of the Grant was to ensure that there was no lead paint on any of the equipment, and to that end all of the existing equipment, except the Double Humpty on the Village Green, needed to be removed. However, the cost to replace the equipment was greater than the amount left after the equipment and mulch underneath had been removed and disposed of. That situation had left the Committee in a very awkward predicament, and no decision had been made in February.
3. Jeff Politis had come to the Meeting to let the Members know that he had talked to State Rep. Ray Seigfried, and Jeff reported that it was no longer a requirement that all of the existing equipment had to be removed. He said the Committee could now look at different options for using the funds, but considerable attention would have to be paid to abating any residual lead paint.
4. Larry said that the design of playground equipment had changed greatly in recent decades, so what might be chosen by the Committee might be very different from what most were familiar with in their youth. The new equipment, though expensive, is very low maintenance, and has a lot of play value for children of different physical abilities. The Committee needs to be ready to field questions and negative comments from Village Residents after they see some possible equipment alternatives.