

MINUTES OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2020

The Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm at the Buzz Ware Village Center, and the Members were all socially distanced while there. In attendance were Barbara Henry, Frank Maier, and Larry Walker.

1. The Playgrounds in Arden were opened in August 2020, and the appropriate signs were installed. The three that were installed are still in place and in satisfactory condition.
2. The Committee decided to continue to keep the basketball court closed because of concerns over social distancing.
3. There was a Playground Equipment Safety Inspection made in September, and all equipment was in safe condition.
4. A parent in early October reported that the “full-bucket child’s swing seat” was failing. The defective seat was immediately removed, a new swing was ordered, and in late October the new swing seat was installed.
5. The scheduled Playground Equipment Safety Inspection for October-November must be done soon. Frank Maier and Daryl Holcomb were asked to inspect the equipment on the Village Green, and Larry Walker and Barbara Henry will inspect the equipment on the Sherwood Green.
6. The Committee approved Larry Walker approaching Rich Cropper to remove and take for disposal the mixture of humus and playground mulch. The Committee will order new Playground Mulch, and Cropper will spread it under the equipment.
7. The Committee will consider how much to request in its annual request to the Budget Committee. Perhaps there will be a request for a line item for a new piece of equipment, probably a climber on the Miller Road end of the Village Green, and the cost could be \$10,000 to \$15,000. This year’s approved Budget was \$3,600.

ITEMS TO BE FOLLOWED UP

- a. Can any matching funds for new playground equipment be provided by New Castle County? County Councilman John Cartier will be approached.
- b. Booklets and brochures about possible new playground equipment need to be obtained, and shared among the Committee Members before the next Meeting in January 2021.