

Mansfield Community Playground Project  
Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/14/12

Present: Sara Anderson, Jessica Higham, Kelly Zimmerman, Esther Soffer-Robrts,  
Jeanne Johnson, Paul Johnson, Julia DeLapp, Susanna Cowan, Ellen Tulman, Karen  
Santesierse, Kathleen Krider, & Heather Bunnell

Next Meeting: July 19, 2012 – full committee

\*\* July 12, 2012 – fundraising brainstorming meeting – ALL INVITED

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- I. Minutes from 5.3.12 verbally approved
- II. Update of progress since Design Day (S. Anderson)
  - a. 6/25/12 an official request to use land will be made to town
  - b. For additional property from UCONN a longterm lease with nominal fee is being pursued
  - c. L& A will give completed design following approval (expected approval 6/25)
  - d. Fees will be due to L & A approximately 3 weeks after design is received (approx July 31, 2012)
- III. Fundraising update (J. DeLapp & K. Santesierse)
  - a. Currently there is:
    - i. \$826 in bank
    - ii. \$1000 from MAC to be spent by end of fiscal yr (T-shirts will be purchased)
    - iii. An anticipated \$2000 from MAC is expected in next fiscal year
  - b. MAC members (Sara & Jessica) are working on putting together a presentation that “tells our story” of why we need a playground in Mansfield using data collected using Community Connectedness Survey
  - c. Discovery work (Kathleen) also shows what makes Mansfield unique
  - d. Discussion of Mansfield’s role as regional “hub” was also held
  - e. Fundraising documents are available online (via L & A website)
  - f. Discussion regarding what committee members are willing to donate was held
  - g. Need was identified for a special meeting to brainstorm possible fundraising connections of each committee member – special meeting to be held JULY 12, 2012 – ALL INVITED
  - h. Need also identified to have a special meeting for fundraising & public relations (& possibly food) – this will be arranged
- IV. Materials update (P & J Johnson)
  - a. L & A suggested materials list has been reviewed
  - b. Sara made suggestion that Paul & Jeanne can begin contacting possible suppliers at this point
- V. Children’s Committee (K Zimmerman & E Soffer-Roberts)

- a. A plan is being formulated for working with children once school year begins
- VI. Special Needs (E Tulman)
  - a. Reiterated that families of children with special needs feel poured in place surfacing is a high priority
  - b. Playground is to be “highly” (not actually “fully”) accessible
  - c. Shared that families of children with special needs in our region report driving to towns outside of our region to use playgrounds (W Hartford, Newington, S Windsor)
  - d. Suggestion was made to contact Adaptive P E program at UCONN
- VII. Discussion of Build Dates
  - a. Preference for building in May 2013 (while attempting to avoid Memorial Day) was expressed.
- VII. Festival on the Green will be September 23, 2012 from 12-5 pm