

Town of West Boylston
120 Prescott Street
West Boylston, MA 01583
Pride Park ADA Update Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes May 6, 2021

Members Present: Jim Pedone, Rachael Brown, Katie Denis, Becky Conway, Michael Kittredge, George Tignor, Jason Ponticelli
Gary not yet present at start of meeting

Members Not Present: Lisa Thompson

Non Members Present: Michael Edwards

Meeting Minutes approved 4/27

Meeting Minutes approved 4/20

Updates from Committee Members:

Jim:

Met with Michael Edwards to look at other ADA compliance concerns outside of the playground leading up to the playground- Gary was present and informed that the grades will be complete by the end of this week and it will take 10-14 days for the information to be sent back to us.

No updates from O'Brien and Sons because we are waiting on these grades to be shot.

Michael Edwards- looking at parking, entire facility

Determined that for grades to be shot and to expand the survey to include existing equipments and number of additional points as an opportunity to redesign accessible routes, parking and use that to determine what equipment- transfer stations and one side of the playground that has fixed stations and other sides that are not- ramp is adjustable

Jim- when it comes to all of specifics we need to wait as far as materials go we need to wait until the site work is done then we will get pricing

George had sent the latest from O'brien and Sons but it was the same as last week. The plan still doesn't answer a lot of questions - i.e. there is no scaling on the plan. We need an engineering design.

Rachael- after site work we will talk about PIP and surfacing, correct?- Jim Confirms

Katie- How does this impact the timeline?

Jim- asking for \$250,000- looking at prices that we currently have

Rachael asks about parking inclusion, Jim says he hopes that it can be included

Michael says as long as you have it in your phased plan it should be ok

The plan is to have it addressed in the larger plan

Jim thinks we are adding enough money but we are still looking for Grants and money from Jim O'Day. We would have to go back to CPC or find the money elsewhere.

Michael thinks the budget is reasonable for the playground and site work

Priority is getting the playground done in the time frame done before school opens and addressing the rest in a phased manner.

Becky - is there anything we can do to help build this as a community. How can we help the community be a part of this?

Mike & Jim- that will come after the site work.

Gary- Contact Whitman for surveying price \$3,025, after the meeting it has expanded. The price will go up to \$5,000 likely. Met with Alice Web of Earth Design recommended, she reiterated it's very important to get this done from many approaches. It appears that all newer implements on the playground are compliant. Her price is \$4,600 - Total site work will be approximately \$10,000

AliceWeb inspected the mulch and said the bark mulch is ADA is compliant as it exists.

Katie- on the mulch, it can be considered compliant but it must be maintained. In MA you cannot use mulch and haven't been able to since the 90's. Gary -agrees with most of what Katie is saying.

Alice has to wait for the surveying to be done before she can start on the surveying.

Jim- what's the difference between the 2.

Whitman- Survey

Alice- Engineer and Design

Gary has the proposal and it tells exactly what they will do

Michael- make sure that the scope includes ramp design and entry into the playground Perimeter of the playground, entry point from the school as well

Surface: Jim- not going around in circles now regarding the surface until the work is done.

Rachael- understand that we aren't going around but want to voice that I do not agree with concrete or asphalt and this is a concern of parents in town with regards to injury.

Jason- I have had a handful of parents have voiced to me that they are concerned about concrete

Deadline is Tuesday to get to CPC to get them to approve the funding to go to town meeting

Becky - we are going with a number that we think they will approve

Jim- Number one priority is to make sure the playground is ADA and CMR compliant but this will be a phased plan.

Michael- if we have a plan that corrects everything in a reasonable period of time we are ok
CMR doesn't require us to go outside the boundaries of the play area. ADA does, as long as we have a plan and resources then we shouldn't get a complaint that can't be defended.
I think Jim's approach is the right one. At the end of the day the priority is getting the play area done before school

Katie: 521CMR is a bit of a gray area.
Should we start a letter writing campaign to Jim O'Day?

Jim: he is trying but it comes down to the Governor. We had \$5M that was never released and it was cut to \$1M and it still hasn't been released. I don't know if this is the same kind of money.
Jim O'Day is

The grant we applied for is Christopher Reeve Quality of Life Grant for \$25,000
Jim is getting to work on the CPC application and will go to the meeting on Tuesday 5/13.

Gary- do we have to wait for CPC to start design and engineering work. Gary is looking to expedite the schedule. Jim will call Nancy ahead of schedule to confirm.

Motion to adjourn