

Town of West Boylston
140 Worcester Street
West Boylston, MA 01583
Pride Park ADA Update Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes July 15, 2021

Location - Zoom

Members Present - Rachael Brown, Becky Conway, Katie Denis, Michael Kittredge, James Pedone, George Tignor,

Non-Board Members Present- Michael Flynn, Alice Webb of Earth Design, Colin Boutin of O'Brien & Sons, Michael Edwards

Members absent - Jason Ponticelli, Gary Kellaheer, Lisa Thompson

Brought to order by Jim Pedone at 5:30PM

Jim Pedone Reads the order from Charlie Baker: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Town of West Boylston is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the Order

Alice Webb introduces the updated Pride Park master plan completed by Earth Design. It includes accessible parking, that will require regrading, an accessible walkway connecting the playground to Crescent Street, and accessible seating areas. The surfacing around all the play equipment is pour-in-place rubber. The dotted lines shown around the play equipment are the fall zone requirements. Some of the existing equipment is reoriented to reduce the pour-in-place surfacing and address existing safety issues. There is an area between the two playgrounds that is not pour-in-place surfacing to reduce cost. The school side has a roller table and a wee-go-round added for inclusivity. Sand equipment is also added with accessible diggers on each side. An accessible concrete pad is provided on the 2-5 year old side for an accessible portable toilet. At the parking area vehicle bollards and an access gate are provided for maintenance purposes. An accessible route is depicted around both play areas, as required by 521 CMR.

Jim Pedone – are we replacing the sand with grass? Is this required by ADA?

Alice Webb – not required by code, just an aesthetic improvement.

Jim Pedone – There is a Parks meeting next Tuesday at 6PM to approve the playground masterplan. Colin will send updated pricing, but Alice did preliminary costs for us. We are viewing this plan as a masterplan. The parking lot, the shed demo, and the porta potty pad can be added at a future date.

Michael Kittredge – Do we have a square footage for the pour-in-place?

Alice Webb – 11,000 square feet on the school side and 6800 on the 2-5 side

Jim Pedone – The shed is for softball and to be addressed in the future.

Alice Webb - The updated price, including a 10% contingency, is \$625k including equipment. The parks side is \$251k and the school side is \$427k. Just the pour-in-place for the school side is \$221k +5%+10% for contingencies and prevailing wage.

Michael Edwards – Is phase 1 the park side?

Jim Pedone – We still have to figure out phasing. DPW to do some work. Need updated pricing from Colin based on this new design. Priority is to complete the school side first.

Michael Kittredge motions to make the school side of Pride Park playground Phase 1. Seconded by Rachael Brown. Discussion:

Jim Pedone – might not get to everything

Rachael Brown – What about the school walkways?

Jim Pedone – the schools are responsible for the walkways. They are working on it, but no timeline.

Jim Pedone makes a motion to accept the plan as a master plan.

Michael Kittredge proposes staying with the original motion.

Jim Pedone makes a motion to accept the plan as a master plan and to advise the Parks Commission to prioritize the upgrades to the school side first. Seconded by Katie Denis. Discussion:

Rachael Brown – are we committed to the new equipment shown in the plan? Or can we still discuss equipment? Right now the plan calls for a roller table and a transfer station, both require transfer out of a chair to use. We have children at the schools who cannot use this equipment.

Jim Pedone – We are looking at this as a master plan. Final equipment will be decided once we have all costs. We may not be able to include all the inclusive pieces within our budget.

Katie Denis – The current plans don't go into enough detail to confirm all ADA issues have been fully addressed. Some of the inclusive elements may be required.

Jim Pedone – Construction drawings will be produced after we have costs.

Rachael Brown – what is the timeline for all this?

Jim Pedone – I don't think it is feasible for this to be done before the school year.

All Committee Members vote yes.

Jim Pedone – there is another item on the agenda regarding extending the committee appointments.

Michael Kittredge - How long should the committee exist? The rest of the summer?

Katie Denis – longer, we need to be able to monitor construction should any accessibility questions arise, which they will.

Rachael Brown – agreed, it needs to be much longer than the rest of the summer.

Jim Pedone – I'll check in with Nancy on what is required to extend the Committee appointments another year.

All Committee Members agree.

Michael Kittredge Motions the meeting adjourns, Jim Pedone Seconds the motions, all committee member vote yes.

Meeting adjourns 6:00PM

Respectfully Submitted – Katie Denis