

New Castle City Playground Council PCS Meeting
Minutes
October 17, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
1 Municipal Boulevard, New Castle, DE

Members Present: Suzanne Swift, Chair
Michael Platt, Council Liaison
Brian Mattaway
Judy Guttenplan
Nermin Zubaca
Andre Jerry

Absent: Carl Benson

Council President Platt called the Playground Council Subcommittee (PCS) meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll call followed and a quorum to conduct business was declared.

Minutes

A Motion to approve the September 20, 2022, Minutes as presented was made, seconded and unanimously carried.

Update:

ORPT Grant – The \$50,000 Grant application was submitted. The ORPT Resolution was read and passed by City Council at the October meeting.

Playground Survey – Playground Surveys with QR Code were placed at the five satellite playgrounds in New Castle for input on Phase 3. A total of 11 responses have been received. Ms. Swift thanked Messrs. Mattaway, Zubaca and Foltz for their work on creating, installing and testing the Survey. Mr. Mattaway added that the Survey was created at the request of City Council.

Bidding Process – Ms. Swift, Marybeth Bailey, and Messrs Barthel, Losco and Platt will meet with Necia J. Beck, State Procurement Officer, and Leonard Sophrin, City of Wilmington Playground Procurement Officer, on October 20th to review the bidding process and to establish next steps for purchasing equipment. Ms. Swift will update the Task Force at the November meeting.

Accessible Pathway – At Mr. Benson’s recommendation the Task Force contacted Porous Path to obtain pricing for the accessible pathway.

- Surfacing – \$13 per square foot (approximate)
- Excavation – \$12-\$13 per square foot (approximate)

In response to a question from Ms. Swift, Council President Platt stated he would contact the City to see if the work for the accessible pathways can be done by Public Works with City equipment or equipment borrowed from MSC. Ms. Swift will have the total number of square feet by the November meeting. The pathway will come down from the 3rd Street Parking Lot and will connect to the Swings, the Ramp for the Slides and the Zip Line.

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Miscellaneous

Council President Platt opined that the Task Force can begin moving forward after the October 20th meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, Council President Platt called for a Motion to adjourn.

A Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The Motion was unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen R. Weirich
City Stenographer