



## MINUTES: BROOKLINE NEW PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE (BPC)

1. **6:00 PM: ROLL CALL/ INTRODUCTIONS.** *The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Jill Adams. Present, Ms. Kestrell Goff.*

### **2. RECURRING BUSINESS:**

2.a. *Financials: The current funds raised to date stand at \$1,518.00. It was noted that the previous balance was \$1,450 and that the Fourth of July booth raised an additional \$68.00.*

2.b. *Unplug N Play: Confirmation was had regarding the Unplug N Play Playgroup which will take place at the Playground on Tuesdays beginning July 16, 2019 at 10:30 am- Noon. A Town event will be posted on the Town Calendar. This will be a free event to bring awareness to the fact that there is in fact a Playground within Brookline, and to engage the Community within one of Brookline's community assets. It was noted that the playgroup shall be open to non-residents as well, and that all ages and stages are welcome to participate. Time will be subject to change when school begins, and the group will also seek an indoor play/ meeting space as well.*

2.c. *Town Website: The "Town Website" will kindly feature a page about the BPC which will include latest news, events and happenings in regards to the Playground efforts.*

2.d. *The documents for the "Welcome Packet" are currently pending final approval and are ready to go to the Town for approval. It was noted that the Town Welcome Packet given to new residents/ business Owners did not offer any information or statement that there is a playground within Brookline.*

### **3. NEW BUSINESS:**

3.a. *Planning New Events: An email has been sent asking for approval for face-painting during the Fire Department BBQ. The intent shall be to split the proceeds 50/50 between the Fire Department and the Playground. The BPC will also inquire with Rec about a Halloween event. Vendor response is pending regarding the formation of some late fall/ winter fundraising efforts.*

3.b. *The first item that shall be made in improvement will be an ADA "Expression Swing". The estimated cost is approximately \$1,887 and it is not sure whether or not that includes installation, although it is not likely an installation that cannot be performed via a volunteer status given initial understanding of the mechanisms at first glance. Further noted was the desire to put in the "infant expression swing" as well*

as the “tandem” expression swing. Rec will be notified that we are hoping to make the purchase by the end of 2019 for the ADA/ all-inclusive expression swing.

Further noted were the following:

- *Need to widen gate as it does not swing open enough for wheelchair access, or stroller access, as well as a need to create a pathway as well as arrange picnic tables to allow for wheelchair and other handicap access.*
- *Adding flower/ plant life that acts as natural deterrent for insects (lots of ants due to the sand).*
- *Inquiry regarding ability to place a very small splash pad as the park does have water access via the volleyball nets, and irrigation.*

**4. Adjournment:** *The Meeting Adjourned at 6:17 PM. Next Meeting- Thursday August 1, 2019 6 PM at the Brookline Ball Park (weather permitting).*

***Respectfully Submitted,***

***Jill Adams on Behalf of The BPC***