

New Castle Playground Committee

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Time: 8:00 AM

Location : Macomber Room, New Castle Library

In Attendance: Kate Hermon, David Kovick (via Zoom), Pam Stearns, Allison Stebbins, Chris Robillard

1. **Call to Order:** 12:05 PM

2. Discussion:

Committee met with Ryan from Ben Shaffer Recreation/Burke Playgrounds regarding his latest proposal for New Castle Commons playground. Just prior to this meeting Chris Robillard had walked the site with Ryan and the installer. Ryan brought 18" x 24" color designs for 2-phase project. Phase 1 \$265,000. Phase 2 \$255,000

In-depth discussion regarding where potential savings could be found:

- Community build? (Liability issues make it unrealistic)
- New Castle DPW demolition, excavation, mulch
- Rubber Mats for ADA accessibility vs. poured rubber surface potentially saves \$60,000
- Municipality discount is included.

In-depth discussion regarding additional design considerations and timeline. Currently there is a 5-8 week wait for equipment. Installation will take 3-4 weeks. Playground needs to be ordered by mid-February for May 31 completion date.

1. Other Business:

2. **Next Meeting:** Friday, January 19, 2024

3. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:10