

To be presented at Committee
meeting scheduled for 3/15/18



Roberts Field Advisory Committee
March 15, 2018 Meeting

3/15/18

Meeting Agenda

- Public Input
- New Playground Project Update and Discussion
 - Public Input Review
 - “Natural Play Area” Design Review
 - Updated Milestones
 - New Playground Design Vote
- Playground Signage Plan Update
- Fundraising Update & Discussion
- Volunteer Update & Discussion
- Upcoming Committee Meeting Schedule
- Approve Minutes
- Adjourn





Public Input – Questions Asked

- Is there a plan for the upkeep of the oriental bittersweet?
- Will there be a drinking fountain? Recycling bins for water bottles?
- Is there a security plan (concerns with security)?
- Can the Town buy “Rosies”?
- Will the playground design include monkey bars? Can you add a few more musical instruments, especially drumming?
- Has Fundraising begun? What’s the plan? Impact on opening?
- Will there be picnic tables? Perimeter fencing?
- What are the surfaces made of?
- Can you buy a dedicated bench?
- Is the path big enough to ride a scooter?

Public Input Session – Written Comments

- Posted here
 - www.robertsfield.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2-27-Public-input-session-comments.pdf
 - 9 of 11 chose “YES”
 - 2 circled neither
 - Comments included:
 - No musical play – impact to neighbors
 - Encourage natural play areas
 - Great Job! Very informative

 
Thank you for attending and participating!
-Roberts Field Advisory Committee

I support the Friendship Park Plan presented tonight. YES NO

Why or why not? Other comments? _____

I Love This Park
Thank you!

For more information please visit www.RobertsField.org

Update From Steve Jahnle, DPW

- The diggers and climbers are not in the budget as of today.
- Layout is final.
- Basket swing will provide more opportunity for play and they are extremely popular.
- The bathroom structure must be an oversight or it just didn't show up on the print. That isn't in any current budget.
- I need to place the equipment order tomorrow. I really wanted to order it last week to maintain the build and opening dates.

New Playground Project Update & Discussion



Fences



Roberts Field Updated Site Plan



PIP Color Choices



Natural Play Area Design

- Sensory Garden (touchable plants and grasses)
- Flowering Perennial Garden
- Chelmsford MA Rocks! Box
- Animal Tracks
- Signage - Nature Scavenger Hunt sign
- Climbing Boulders
- Buddy Bench?

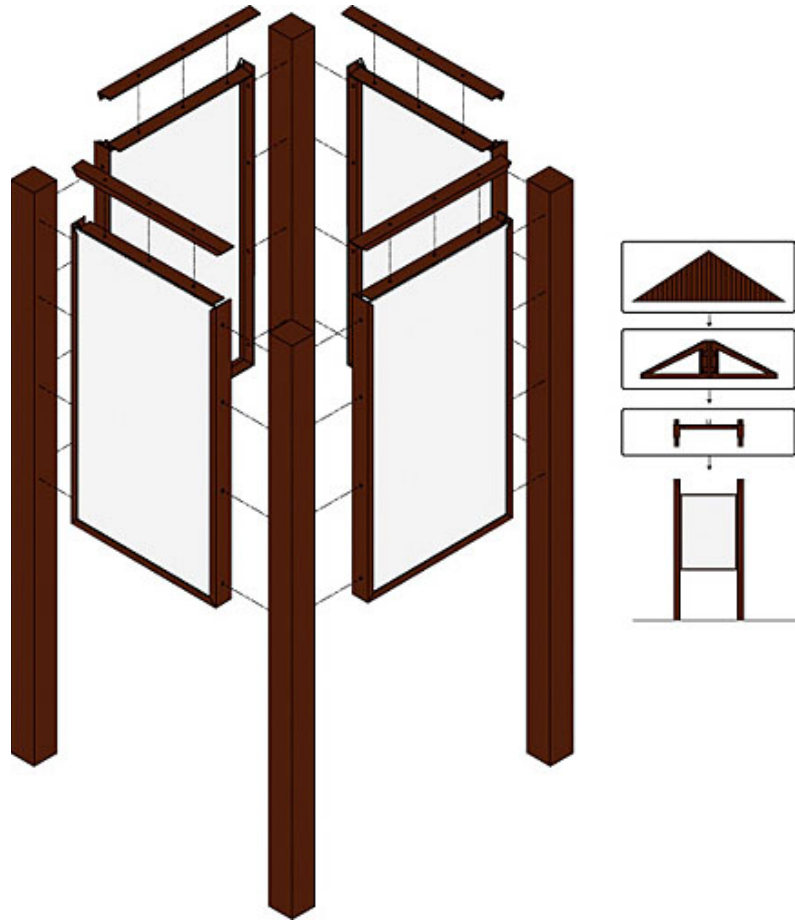


New Playground Project Next Steps

- Harmony Park (east playground) Shade Structure Style
- “Buddy Bench” – Harrington Girl Scout Troop Led Volunteer Project
 - Location? Design?
- Chelmsford MA Rocks!



Playground Signage Update



Roberts Field Advisory Committee Design and Construction Milestones

Timing (2018)	Project Milestones
January 29 - Monday	BOS Meeting: Award Contract – <i>BOS/Town Manager Approval</i>
Feb 6 – Tuesday 10am	Playground Design Working Session (DPW, RFAC, O’Brien and Sons)
Feb 12 6pm-7pm	Public Input Session – First Draft of the Playground Design
Feb 12 – Monday 7pm	Roberts Field Advisory Committee Meeting – Town Offices, Room 205
Feb 20 - Tuesday 7pm	Roberts Field Advisory Committee Meeting – Town Offices, Room 205
Feb 27 – Tuesday 6pm	Public Input Session
March 9 - Friday	<i>Finalize Playground Design - Town Manager Approval</i>
March 16 - Friday	<i>Purchase New Equipment (4-6 weeks delivery)</i>
March 2018	Begin Corporate Sponsorship and Grant Writing
April 30 - Monday	End Carved Brick Fundraising Campaign
May - Month	Site Prep
April 30 - Monday	Equipment Delivery
June 2 & 3 – Sat/Sun	Community Build
June 23, 2018 - Saturday	Playground Grand Opening

My Dream Playground

- Call for entries closed Sunday, March 4
- Over 60 designs were submitted.
- Displayed at Main Library in March
 - Book of all designs and display in lobby
- Designs available online:
 - www.robertsfield.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/My-Dream-Playground-Drawings.pdf
 - www.robertsfield.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/South-Row-Grade-4-Dream-Playground-Ideas.pdf



Fundraising Update & Discussion

- Friends of Roberts Field Update
 - Buy A Brick Campaign **NOW OPEN** (ends 4/30/18)
 - www.friendsofrobertsfield.org/buy-a-brick
 - Help spread the word and Buy A Brick!
 - IRS 1023 Application with IRS (2/26/18)
- Grant Writing Update – Adelle Stavis
- Corporate Sponsorships – Marcus Bush



Friends of Roberts Field Buy A Brick Campaign Goals

Brick	Cost*	Price	3/5/2018		Current Sold		Goal One: \$25K		Goal Two: \$18k		Goal Three: \$10k		
			Proceeds	Sold	Price	Proceeds	Proceeds	Bricks Sold	Bricks	Sold	Raised	Bricks Sold	
4 x 8	\$ 20.05	\$ 50	\$ 29.95	54 74%	\$ 2,700	\$ 1,617.30	58%	\$ 14,603	488	\$ 10,514.47	351	\$ 5,841.37	195
8 x 8	\$ 39.40	\$ 100	\$ 60.60	19 26%	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,151.40	42%	\$ 10,397	172	\$ 7,485.53	124	\$ 4,158.63	69
				73	\$ 4,600	\$ 2,768.70		\$ 25,000	659	\$ 18,000	475	\$ 10,000	264
									11%		15%		28%

Campaign Launch Date: 2/20/18

Notes:

*Cost includes Gift Brick purchase cost + paypal credit card fees

Volunteer Update & Discussion

- Roberts Field Advisory Committee Email List – 373 (354) addresses
- Friends of Roberts Field Facebook Group – 599 (576) members
- Friends of Roberts Field Membership forms – 31 (29) members
- Buy A Brick Event Sales – 3 volunteers
- Corporate Phone Calls – 9 volunteers

Next Meeting Date

- Next Steps: TM approval (3/9), BOS Presentation (3/26), Site Prep (May), Natural Play Area Design, Signage Plan, Community Build and ???
- Scheduled Meetings:
 - Monday, March 19th, 7pm, Room 205
- April meetings to be scheduled at March 19th meeting
 - Monday, April 2
 - Wednesday, April 4
 - Monday, April 9 - Maybe BOS
 - Tuesday April 10 - Maybe School Comm alternative date and Kira will be busy & Kurt is not available
 - Thursday, April 12
 - Monday, April 16 (CPC – rm 204) + Maybe BOS
 - Wednesday, April 18
 - Thursday, April 19
 - Monday, April 23 - Maybe BOS
 - Tuesday, April 24 (School Committee) Kira will be busy with SC & Kurt is not available
 - Thursday, April 26
 - Monday April 30 - Maybe BOS