

To be presented at Committee  
meeting scheduled for 6/18/18



Roberts Field Advisory Committee  
*June 18, 2018 Meeting*

6/18/18

# Meeting Agenda

- Public Input
- New Playground Project Update and Discussion
  - DPW Update
  - “Natural Play Area” Design Discussion
  - Playground Signage Plan Update
  - Playground Elements
- Fundraising Update & Discussion
- Grand Opening
- Upcoming Committee Meeting Schedule
- Meeting Minutes Approval
- Adjourn



# Playground Project Updates

- Updates From Steve Jahnle, DPW
  - Walks are in. Brick work should be starting today.
  - Shade structure is still in a bit of limbo, but progressing.
  - Mulch and borders should start this week as well as poured in place rubber.
  - Fence will be end of July/early August.
  - We will replace the bricks that were taken from the old walkway, but will have no time to edge it all anytime soon. I'll get all the weeds knocked down prior to opening.
- Other Updates
  - Heritage Construction will start the new Entryway and Sign Kiosk this week. Will be completed by grand opening.
  - Earthscapes and Lawn (Gerry Plummer) has offered to design and build natural play area stone wall garden and paths, with a tentative September build date.

# Buddy Bench update (Meaghan Marnell)

- Just wanted to give you a quick buddy bench update! We were off to a slow start but things are moving now, thankfully. We are building the bench out of a good quality cedar cut to 3x3 (same dimensions as the old bench) so it should last for some time. We'll be starting with paint tomorrow and plan to use a similar green (wood) and brown (metal) to the colors on the new playground. We'll add some extra color to the bench by having the girls add their paint handprints. Let me know what you think and if you have any concerns.
- On adding "Buddy Bench" - I was planning on that, but hadn't mapped out the sizing/location of the words yet. Is that what the committee was hoping for or no? Including the words is not a problem!
- Meet to select a location this week?



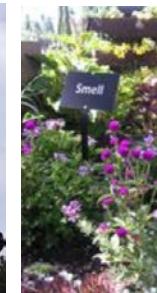
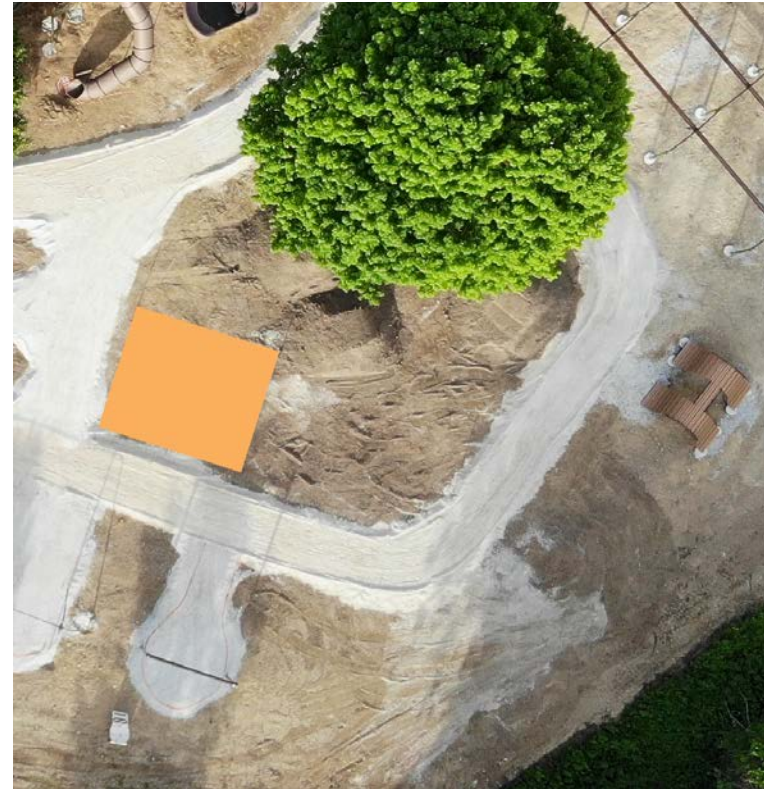
# Friendship Park at Roberts Field



# Natural Play Area Design Concept Elements



- Climbing Rocks (12)
- Organically Shaped Raised Garden Bed
  - 15' diameter center garden with 24" tall glacier tilled stone wall (50' circumference)
  - Sensory plants (community donations)
  - Metal kinetic wind sculpture
- Hardscape Pathways
  - Natural hardscape (gravel, stone, pebbles)
  - Sensory segment (animal tracks)
- Tree safe zone
- Shade garden under tree
- Satellite Butterfly Garden
  - Purchased and donated plants
  - 20" Gazing Ball
- Grassy Meadow
- Stone Benches (3)
- Sign "Living With Wildlife"
- Shade Structure



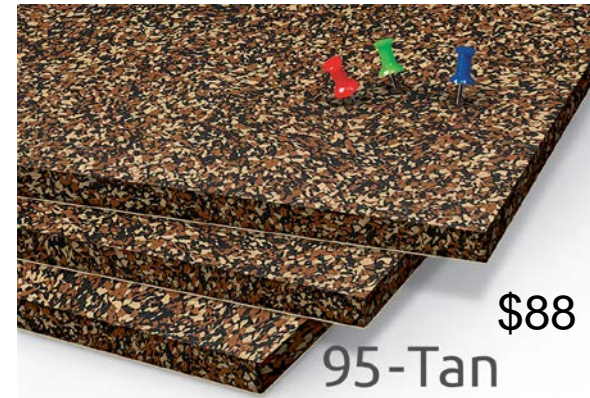
# Natural Climbing Area Stones

- Need to select rocks and arrange delivery (Tues evening & ...)
  - Peak Climber - 1
    - 42" & 32" tall peaks
    - 64" wide
      - Quarry Stone from Le Masurier Granite
  - Stepper Stone - 1
    - 33" & 26" tall peaks
    - 40" wide
      - Quarry Stone from Le Masurier Granite
  - Log Stepper - 10
    - 28"(2), 18"(5) & 8"(3) tall
      - Glacier Till from Earthscapes and Lawn



# Playground Signage Update

- Entryway sign (4'6" x 1')
- Kiosk (sign areas: 4'w x 3'6")
  - Front
    - Welcome to Friendship Park
    - Park or Playground Map?
    - Rules, Town, Friendship Park logos
    - Rubber Tack Board (1'6" w x 3'6")
  - Back
    - Park & Playground Story (1973 – present), FoRF logo
    - Historic Scout Projects
- Sponsor & Volunteer Rock
  - Logos, Story, Sponsors, Committee, Consultants, Town
- Natural Play Area
  - Main Sign (double sided) – Living with wildlife, nature scavenger hunt, animal tracks, Chelmsford rocks, 5 senses garden
  - Small Signs (5x) – Five senses messages
- Trail Signs (5x)





# [www.RobertsField.org/about](http://www.RobertsField.org/about)

- Originally farmland, in the late 1960's the town purchased the property known as "Roberts' Land at Old Westford" to build a school. The school was located elsewhere, and a 1970 Special Town Meeting voted to build the fire station there and designated the remaining area for recreational purposes. The West Chelmsford Engine 3 Fire Station opened in February 1971. The U. S. Department of Agriculture is worked on a detailed program for developing the Robert's property as a community recreation area.
- The man made pond is a popular place to catch frogs and minnows in the summer and skate in the winter. It was dug by the Chelmsford Jaycees and Army Corps of Engineers in 1974 to be used as a skating pond. The pond is very shallow (3-4" in the middle). It was dredged in 1987 and there are plans to dredge it again in the next 5-10 years.
- In 1973 the Parents' Association for Recreation for Children (PARC) gifted the Town with the first playground at Roberts Field. The metal playground playground cost a little over \$20,000, was paid for by donations from Chelmsford businesses and featured a tall witch themed structure with slides, dome climbing structure and swings.
- In 1995, Friendship Park, the parking lot, brick playground pathway and a skate shack near the pond were built. The volunteer group Friends of the Park worked with the Town of Chelmsford to build the new playground at a cost of \$70,000. The playground featured large wooden, steel and plastic play structures, slides, swings, climbing areas, a sandbox and more. The brick pathway and stone marker leading to Friendship Park features the names of donors who helped build the playground. A community contest was held to name the playground. Eight year old Lisa won the contest with the name Friendship Park, as she felt this would be a great place to make friends as her family was new to the community.
- Known mainly for its little-league baseball fields and Friendship Park playground, Roberts Field is now a Chelmsford park designated to the protection and enjoyment of nature, featuring "The Wildlife Sanctuary at Roberts Field".
- In 2018, the new inclusive, accessible, community designed and built Friendship Park playground was opened. 9

# “Story” Draft From Denille

- A metal playground stood here until circa 1995 when it was rebuilt and named Friendship Park by a dedicated group of volunteers. The original wooden Friendship Park was again rebuilt in 2018 by volunteers using town and privately raised funds. The new design tried to capture the community’s desire for an accessible, inclusive playground that children and caregivers of all abilities can enjoy together. We hope you and your family will make many friends and happy memories here! For more information, visit [www.robertsfield.org](http://www.robertsfield.org).

# Rules Draft From DPW Facilities

## Friendship Park at Roberts Field

Town of Chelmsford, Massachusetts

This Playground is intended for School-Age Users

- Playground is open Dawn to Dusk
- Use Playground at your own risk
- Please supervise children at all times
- No pets allowed on the playground
- Do not leave trash behind
- No glass or alcohol beverages
- No bicycles allowed in the play area
- No tobacco products or drugs permitted on the premises
- Do not wear helmets on playground as this may create an entanglement hazard

*In the event of an emergency call 911*

*Users of this recreation area assume all liability for any losses.*

*The Town of Chelmsford is not responsible for injury, death, or damage to personal property.*

*This public recreational area is made possible in accordance with laws governing recreational use.*

*(M.G.L. Chapter 21 Section 17c)*

Contact Chelmsford DPW with questions or concerns 978-250-5228

# Sponsor Rock Names (6/18/18)



Premier Sponsors - Platinum Level	
The Askenburg Family	
Premier Sponsors - Gold Level	
The Gilchrist Family	
Premier Sponsors - Silver Level	
DrumHill Pediatrics	
The Beary Family	
The Singam Family	
Kurt Kelly Memorial Foundation	
Premier Sponsors - Bronze Level	
Ready Real Estate	
Chelmsford Mother's Club	
Premier Equipment Sponsors	
The Brown Family	
Aces Aquatics	
Heritage Construction	
Enterprise Bank	
Kurt Kelly Memorial Foundation	
Christopher's Towing	
Earthscapes and Lawn	
Chelmsford PAL	
Barry and Sue Jefferson	

Committee Members	
William Arrington – 2017	
Bill Askenburg – 2015-2019, chair 2017-2019	
Elisabeth Bobrow - 2018-2019	
Marcus Bush - 2018, vice chair 2018	
Chris Crafts – 2017	
Sherrill Erickson – 2015-16	
Kate Gleisberg – 2017	
Alice Johannsen – 2017, secretary 2017	
Carole Martin – 2015-16	
Margaret Marynowski – 2017	
Charles Micol – 2015-16	
Shayna Micol – 2015-16, chair 2015-16	
Mark Robillard – 2015-16	
Denille Ruth - 2018-2019, secretary 2017-2019	
Adelle Stavis – 2017-2019, vice chair 2017	
Gregory Whitney -2015-16, Secretary 2015-16	
Committee Consultants	
Katie Enright – Howard Stein Hudson	
Kasey Ferreira – Howard Stein Hudson	
James Martin, MS – Consulting Arborist	
Meghan O'Brien - O'Brien and Sons	
Town of Chelmsford	
Paul Cohen - Town Manager	
Gary Persichetti - Director of Public Works	
Steve Jahnle – Assistant Director of Public Works	
Nick Parlee – Town Playground Coordinator	

# 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 27 – Tuesday 6pm	Public Input Session
March 9 - Friday	Finalize Playground Design - <i>Town Manager Approval</i>
March 16 - Friday	Purchase New Equipment (4-6 weeks delivery)
May 6th	End Carved Brick Fundraising Campaign
May - Month	Site Prep
May 10 - 14	Equipment Delivery
June 2 & 3 – Sat/Sun	Community Build
Week of June 18	PIP in place, Pathways installed
Week of June 25	Entryway and Sign Kiosk installed
June 30, 2018 - Saturday	Playground Grand Opening
July/August	Fences Installed
	New PIP Area Installed
September(ish)	Rock Wall Garden Installed

# Budget Estimate

Town of Chelmsford			
Friendship Park at Roberts Field			
Construction Budget			
6/13/2018			
<b>DPW Budget (Prepared by: Steve Jahnle, Assistant Director Chelmsford DPW)</b>			
Shade Structure	\$ 10,199		not installed
Wood chips	\$ 8,500		not installed
Border	\$ 11,000		not installed
tables	\$ 1,300		not installed
benches	\$ 1,500		not installed
abutter screening	\$ 5,000		est
perimeter fence	\$ 15,000		est
walkways	\$ 12,000		est
O'Brien	\$ 381,160		equipment/partial install/PIP
	<u>\$ 445,659</u>		
<b>Not Budgeted (Prepared by Roberts Field Advisory Committee)</b>			
Covered Bridge Entryway	\$ 6,800	Spruce, cedar and pressure treated and sign	Volunteer install
Natural Play Area	\$ 20,000	pathway, edging, plants	Volunteer install
Center Garden Wall & Dirt	\$ 6,000	Wall=\$5600, Dirt=\$400	Sponsor install
Climbing Rocks & Benches	TBD		DPW install
Engraved Brick Pathway	\$ 25,000	estimated cost	DPW install
<b>Signage</b>			
Signage Kiosk	\$ 3,000	Sign/seat/bulletin board	Volunteer install
Donor Rock and Plaque	\$ 2,000	2'10"x2'4" plaque on 26 cu yd stone	Volunteer install
Natural Play Area	\$ 300	3' x 4' double sided sign on posts	Volunteer install
Five Senses Garden	\$ 100	5x mini signs in garden circle	Volunteer install
Nature Trail Scavenger Hunt	\$ 250	5x nature learning signs on trail	Volunteer install
Metal Kinetic Wind Sculptur	\$ 500	Materials for sculpture	Volunteer install
Buddy Bench	\$ -	Girls Scouts buidling and funding	Volunteer paid and install
Two Sandbox Diggers	\$ 1,843		Volunteer install
Original Picnic Table Rehab	TBD		DPW install
Original Bench Rehab	TBD		DPW install
	<u>\$ 65,793</u>		

# Fundraising Update & Discussion

- Fundraising will continue through April 2019
  - Town's Fiscal Year 2019 ends in June

Friendship Park				
Fundraising Recap				
6/14/2018				
Campaign	Amount			
Brick Campaign	\$ 29,611.65		(\$49.3k sold)	
Sponsorships				
Equipment	\$ 10,080.00			
Premier	\$ 24,000.00			
Go Fund Me	\$ 126.00			
Restaurants	\$ 128.98			
Merchandise	\$ 111.80			
Existing*	\$ 8,042.00			
Grants	\$ 2,500.00			
Total Proceeds	\$ 74,600.43			
Total In Kind	\$ 9,000.00			
Total	\$ 83,600.43			
*\$2500 KDK Silver Sponsorship in Premier Sponsorship amount.				
*\$2000 Chelmsford PAL in Equipment Sponsorship				

# Our Sponsors

Donation	Sponsorship		Amount	Company
	Premier	Silver	\$ 2,500	DrumHill Pediatrics
	Equipment	TBD	\$ 1,000	The Brown Family
	Equipment	Belt Bridge	\$ 1,405	Aces Aquatics
	Premier	Silver	\$ 2,500	The Beary Family
	Premier	Bronze	\$ 500	The Singam Family
	Equipment	TBD	\$ 2,000	The Jefferson Family
In-Kind	Equipment	Covered Bridge Entryway	\$ 6,000	Heritage Construction
In-Kind	Equipment	Sign Kiosk	\$ 3,000	Heritage Construction
	Equipment	TBD	\$ 650	Enterprise Bank
	Premier	Gold	\$ 5,000	The Gilchrist Family
	Premier	Silver	\$ 2,500	The KDK Memorial Foundation
	Equipment	Double Swish Slide	\$ 2,025	The KDK Memorial Foundation
	Premier	Platinum	\$ 10,000	The Askenburg Family
	Premier	Bronze	\$ 500	Ready Real Estate
	Equipment	T Shirt and Sculpture	\$ 1,000	Christopher's Towing
	Premier	Bronze	\$ 500	Chelmsford Mother's Club
In-Kind	Equipment	Garden Wall		Earthscapes
	Equipment	TBD	\$ 2,000	Chelmsford PAL



# Grand Opening June 30th

- Delayed due to pathways and surfaces
- Ribbon Cutting
- Town sending invitations and working on AV setup
- Waters and cookies – Town to reimburse
- Shade tent?
- Zen Den?



# Next Meeting Date

- Next Steps: Complete Signage, Natural Play Area Plan and Installation, Maintenance Plan Document
- Next Scheduled Meeting Date:
- June and July meeting available dates
  - Thurs 6/28
  - Tues July 10
  - Thurs July 12
  - Wed July 18
  - Thurs July 19
  - Tues July 24
  - Thurs July 26

# Meeting Minutes Approval

May 22, 2018