

Tuesday, August 29,

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The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in special session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on August 29, 2019. Those present were Trustees Mr. Jeffrey Markley and Mrs. Kristina O'Brien. Trustee Mrs. Benza and Fiscal Officer Janice Sugarman were not present. Mr. Markley presided and called the meeting to order at 1:34 P.M. Also in attendance were Service Director Jim Stanek and Kevin Hindes, Recreation Consultant from Play&Park Structures.

Mr. Markley began by giving a brief historical overview of the growth, over the past 30 years, of structures, ball fields and playground equipment that were/are at Settler's Park located behind the Bainbridge Township Service Department. Referencing the year 2002, Mr. Markley proceeded to give a brief historical overview of River Road Park, the design plans and vision in the placement of the ball fields, structures and playground.

Mr. Hindes gave a brief explanation of the different playground manufacturers. The trustees questioned the relationship between Big Toy and Kompan. According to Mr. Hindes, the two playground manufacturers have always been separate companies. Mr. Hindes explained the recommended standards delineated in the American Society for Testing and Materials ("ASTM") public playground standards and Consumer Product Safety Commission ("CPSC") public playground safety check lists, while not the law, they are responsible guidelines to follow.

Discussion was had on the different ways to install playground equipment, whether it would be possible to repair the current playground equipment at River Road Park and concern regarding the current drainage at the site. Everyone in attendance proceeded to River Road Park in order to do a site inspection of the playground equipment.

At approximately 2:15 P.M., the meeting was continued at River Road Park. Maintenance Supervisor Tab Gordon joined the meeting at this time. All of those in attendance surveyed the cordoned-off playground equipment. After inspecting the wooden playground structures, Mr. Hindes stated that all the pieces should be removed due to their unsafe nature and they should not be repaired. Mr. Hindes then inspected the aluminum swing set and stated due to the damage to the legs and bowing of the top bar, the set should also be removed due to the unsafe nature and should not be repaired.

DISMANTLE UNSAFE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Mrs. O'Brien made a motion to dismantle the playground equipment identified as unsafe and not able to be repaired by Recreation Consultant, CPSI, Kevin Hindes.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

At approximately 3:36 P.M., Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Markley and Mr. Hindes returned to Town Hall. Mr. Hindes proceeded to demonstrate the different playground structures that he took part in planning and preparing for different communities. Mr. Hindes also directed the trustees to the www.playandpark.com where a variety of playground sets that are currently on sale were reviewed.

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Since there was no further business to come before this special meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice S. Sugarman,
Fiscal Officer, Bainbridge Township

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Minutes Read: _____

Minutes Approved: _____