

AD-HOC Playground Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2009

In attendance:

Jane Dunlop, Committee Chair

Jerry Lokken, Eric Doshna, Stacey Wielachowski, Lisa Cote, Jody Smith, Melissa Guarneri

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6 pm. and the minutes from December's meeting were approved.

Jerry gave a Marketing update. He brought up the article in The Day Newspaper regarding the negative comments by viewers. He suggested the committee do a better job of marketing within the town and getting the word out. Another suggestion was to broadcast on Channel 22 and on the Recreation and Parks Town Website.

A discussion was held on having a liaison from the Recreation and Parks office to oversee the playground project to include the town's website, grants, marketing, etc. Jerry will contact Brian Flaherty.

MaryLou Gannoti's husband Greg is in the process of developing a logo for the Foundation's letterhead. This will allow the Foundation to produce formal thank you letters to donors.

The Eugene O'Neill Theatre fundraiser was discussed. Melissa gave three possible dates of March 21, 28th, and April 4, 2009. She will contact Eugene O'Neill for more possible dates later in the year.

An outdoor event at Stenger Farm was discussed with a possible date of April 25, 2009. More details to follow.

A discussion was held regarding grants. Jerry to discuss with Brian Flaherty the possibility of having someone from Recreation and Parks help out with this process.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding making the playground more interactive. Jane spoke with Peter Wallace of O'Brien and Sons and he suggested adding a ramp up to the stage. A suggestion of turning the playground around 90 degrees was discussed which would result in different levels of the playground. More site work would need to be done as the land would have to be graded. Jane will contact Peter Wallace regarding this. Also suggested was eliminating the

sand box to allow room for ramps or other equipment. A Sway Fun was also discussed as a possibility as this allows interaction of all children.

Discussion was held regarding having a public forum for parents with children with special needs to discuss playground equipment and making the playground more interactive. This meeting would include Peter Wallace of O'Brien and Sons to answer questions.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Stacey Wielachowski