

WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAPLE PRAIRIE  
PARK

6:00 pm Thursday, November 10,  
2022 via Zoom

- Introductions – Mike Sturm
- Playground Design Process
  - a. Playground Workshop – Discuss project location, timeframe, budget, general equipment selection, surfacing
  - b. Playground Meeting – Two playground concepts for playground will be presented based on input from previous meeting, select one concept, identify any changes needed
- City of Madison Playgrounds
  - a. Over 180 playgrounds!
  - b. Highest number of playground per capita in the United States
  - c. Guidelines for playground development
    - i. Develop a sustainable system
    - ii. No more than one playground area per park
    - iii. Standardized playground design process
- Playground Equipment Standards
  - a. City of Madison
    - i. Promotion of wide variety of skill sets
    - ii. Manage long term maintenance costs
    - iii. Provide quality equipment
  - b. National Standards
    - i. US Consumer Product Safety Commission
    - ii. American National Standards Institute
    - iii. American Society for Testing and Materials
  - c. Colors
    - i. Natural colors will be shown as default for manufacturer selection
    - ii. Other color options are available for posts and handrails are available
  - d. Equipment
    - i. Play Structure
    - ii. Double bay swings structure with two belt and two tot swings
  - e. Surfacing
    - i. Must meet ASTM F1292 – Critical Fall Heights
    - ii. Must meet ASTM F1951 – ADA Accessibility
    - iii. Only wood fiber mulch and shredded rubber mulch meet those requirements
- Project Location & Site Constraints
  - a. Adjacent Playgrounds
    - i. There are 11 existing playgrounds within 1 mile of Maple Prairie Park (1 was replaced in the last 5 years (Country Grove (2017)); and one will be replaced this year as well (Raemisch Homestead Park (2023)).

- b. Site Conditions
    - i. The existing playground location can generally be reused –sits in a good location relative to other amenities in the park and will retain basketball, open field/backstop area and asphalt walking path access– will look to shift slightly away from slope to north to provide a swale for positive drainage as well as to pull back from the existing elm tree to preserve & protect it;
    - ii. Two new backed benches will be added adjacent to the new playground footprint; both of the existing benches associated with the playground are not in good shape – will be removed.
    - iii. Existing equipment and mixed pea gravel/rubber surfacing will be fully removed with project – Parks staff makes every effort to reuse and recycle all components
- Project Timetable
  - a. Construction in 2023 – Parks seeks to minimize “down time” from when existing equipment is removed to the new equipment going in.
- Project Budget
  - a. Approximately \$37,000 for the playground equipment.
- **Maple Prairie Park Equipment and Play Surfacing Selection**
  - a. Age Group: attendees reached consensus for intended age range choosing a **5-12 playstructure.**
  - b. Surfacing: The attendees discussed the pros/cons of both wood fiber and rubber mulch surfacing but landed through **majority vote on rubber surfacing.**
  - c. Playline: After discussion & review – attendees selected the playground manufacturer **Burke** and requested the next designs to show playground structures that have a **climbing features such as those shown on the top and lower images; as well as a storefront panel, a roof and no spinners.**
  - d. Colors: attendees liked the idea of seeing equipment designs in brighter colors for the next meeting, requested to see two different color options with **utilizing red and limon/lime green. Note that both designs will have tan slide beds as that is city standard for durability and heat gain minimization.**
  - e. **Fundraising was discussed but it may be an effort towards other improvements at the park – attendees with interest in fundraising were given Madison Parks Foundation contact information to discuss further.**
- Next Steps
  - a. Email Kate Kane at [kkane@cityofmadison.com](mailto:kkane@cityofmadison.com) to share input on surfacing preference and to receive email notification of future playground meetings.
  - b. Take information from this meeting and incorporate into conceptual designs (including two equipment designs) to be presented at a follow-up playground meeting.
  - c. Follow-up meeting will be noticed via e-mail, City of Madison Parks website, and sent to alder.

If interested in receiving notice of the next playground meeting, please contact Kate Kane at [kkane@cityofmadison.com](mailto:kkane@cityofmadison.com) or at (608) 261-9671.

**The next meeting will be on January 12, 2023 at 6:00 pm via Zoom**