

Paunack (A.O.) Park

1. Site Conditions

- Paunack Park is unique for a neighborhood playground in that the existing equipment has several stand-alone pieces (spring rider & balance beam), along with two separate swing bays but no large composite structure.
- The existing storm pipe that bisects the playground (N-S), relatively high water table and flood line boundaries that extend from the north well into the park probably account for the unique footprint of the playground and for its lack of a large composite structure
- Pea gravel surfacing is available for reuse as a nature play area or a mix of natural features and conventional stand-alone playground pieces with lower fall heights (3-4' and under)
- There is room for a second footprint to have one of the newer surfacing offerings (rubbermulch or wood chips) and provide replacement swings and/or smaller swings (like a "T" swing with 1-2 stand-alone pieces with higher fall heights (ex a net climber or spinner)
- Existing equipment (balance beam) is 28 years old!
- The new play area will generally be situated over existing footprint due to the site constraints mentioned, above
- All existing equipment and will be removed – if desired, the peagravel can be reused in a nature play/nature nook area
 - 1 existing bench-bikerack hybrid
 - No concerns in existing footprint area regarding tree impacts – no removals or limbing necessary

2. Proposed Age Range of Play Equipment

- Paunack Park has 3 City of Madison playgrounds within 1 mile of the park
 - 2 of those playgrounds have a 5-12 play structure

Nature Play is All-Ages Inclusive! Nonetheless, elements can be geared moreso towards these groups (if it is of interest to do so)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ages 2-5	<input type="checkbox"/> Ages 5-12

3. Surfacing – Parks proposes reusing the existing pea gravel for its digging/tactile play properties at the nature nook and, if a footprint area for higher elements is desired, the neighborhood should choose between wood mulch and rubbermulch for greater impact attenuation

- Discuss pros and cons of each and determine if either is NOT acceptable

Neighborhood liked idea of reusing pea gravel & chose wood mulch for a second footprint/higher play equipment surfacing

4. Proposed Play Features / Nature Nook Elements

The neighborhood was asked about/discussed the following elements for the play area :	
<input type="checkbox"/> Large round log (5'+/- length) section(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stand-alone feature: musical instrument (ex chimes w/ mallet)
<input type="checkbox"/> Stand-alone feature: balance beam	<input type="checkbox"/> Stand-alone feature: dino dig
<input type="checkbox"/> Stand-alone feature: climb cube	<input type="checkbox"/> Stand-alone feature: steppers
<input type="checkbox"/> Stand-alone feature: swing	<input type="checkbox"/> Stand-alone feature: spring rider
<input type="checkbox"/> Stand-alone feature: spinner	<input type="checkbox"/> Stand-alone feature: net climber

5. Proposed color options

- Discuss whether interest in 'blending in or standing out' for stand-alone items

Neighborhood preferred items that would blend-in / have natural colors

Fundraising Goal by: 2/3/2021

Next Playground Meeting: Propose 2/3/2021; 6PM via Zoom

Fundraising was discussed but given the neighborhood-level funding for the project, attendees did not express further interest