

**VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL
July 11, 2022**

Members present: DeBernardo, Grube, Drum, Rockey, Rogoff, Subel, Corkran
Also present: Mayor Tomko, Jamieson, Markowitz, Reigelman (designer)

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 p.m. by Erinn Grube.

**PRESENTATION OF REVISED DESIGN FOR RIVERSIDE PARK PLAYGROUND BY
MARK REIGELMAN (IN-PERSON)**

Mr. Reigelman gave a presentation on his revised playground design. He explained changes that were made to the plans, including: opening up the structures to provide more visibility, removing the tower and adding more slides, and even changing the slide material from metal to plastic in order to help with cost and eliminate any worry of burnt butts.

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION & COMMENTS ON REVISED DESIGN FOR RIVERSIDE PARK
PLAYGROUND (NOT TO EXCEED 5 MINUTES PER SPEAKER)**

Rick Mihalich, 78 E. Orange St., shared that he was very impressed with the ADA compliance but worries that the height of the playground may be intimidating to someone in a wheelchair. He also shared some concerns with ASTM standards. Mr. Reigelman assured him that safety is their number one priority.

Chantel Michalek, 39 W. Summit St., shared that she loves the addition of more swings but does have some concerns of expanding the park and taking up too much space. She suggested possibly exploring the idea of changing the location of the swings.

Tara Martin, 60 Tartan Ct., is very impressed with the redesign and can envision all of her 5 kids playing in this area.

Casey Monda, 50 Heather Ct., likes the design very much and is very impressed with how much is packed into only 5% of the total park space.

Anne DeConingh, 50 E. Orange St., questioned if the village would have to pay money back to the Natureworks Grant due to the fact that the life of the grant has not been met. Mr. Jamieson stated that it should not be a problem and they would check with the law director.

Linda Shuster, 92 W. Washington St., thinks this design does not fit our town and looks too much like every other new playground being built. She feels that it over looks the gentleness of the river and is too big.

Wendy Davis, 84 Ridgewood Rd., likes the design very much and likes the idea of adding more space for children in the park.

Ben Shuster, 92 W. Washington St., shared that he does not witness times when the current playground is overcrowded, so he does not think the new one needs to be bigger.

Jaclyn Drum, 51 W. Summit St., said she loves the new design, especially the river design in the surfacing, and the addition of more swings. She also shared that she believes the village should not plan a playground around 2 events that take up a total of 6 days but should instead plan it around 365-day use options.

Andrew Rockey, 157 Bradley St., asked if there had been any consideration into splitting up the swing groups? Mr. Reigelman shared that he had considered it but ultimately decided against it. Ms. Grube shared that it might be a good idea to keep the swings away from the little kids' area as small children are not always the most spatially aware people.

Rick Mihalich, 78 E. Orange St., shared that he wants to be sure the village isn't treating ADA people any differently than anyone else.

Anne Clark, 358 Bell St., thinks this design is much improved and would attract more people than the old playground.

Mike Carlton, 42 E. Orange St., is impressed with the new design and thinks that it is very creative. However, he does have concerns on the impact into the open space of the park. He wants to make sure there is still room for kids to run around and play ball or frisbee.

Kristen Shron, 80 Park Ln., thinks that this new design is very unique to Chagrin and would be a huge draw to our community.

Anne Wingfield, 434 Bell St., likes having the "Main St." aspect to sit and eat. Whether we keep this design or not she would really like to have seating options that do not have open backs for food to fall through.

Anne DeConingh, 50 E. Orange St., asked if the village had considered testing the pour-in-place surface to see how it attracts geese? Mr. Jamieson said that is something they will have to look into.

Chantel Michalek, 39 W. Summit St., asked if Mr. Reigelman has experience working on projects with this level of fund raising required? Mr. Reigelman stated that fund raising was never an issue for him.

Ken Vehar, 59 E. Orange St., shared that he likes the new design. He likes having an area specifically for smaller children and also having "Main St." for the parents. He also liked the idea of adding more swings.

Allison Brown, 504 N. Main St., shared that she loves the design but asked about the possibility of adding a recycling can? Mr. Mayor shared that they had a recycling can in the past that ended up not being used in the correct manor. Ms. Grube did share that the drinking fountain would be

getting an upgrade!

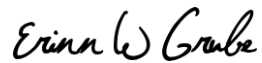
Jaclyn Drum, 51 W. Summit St., asked about costs the village would be covering and also the donations. Ms. Grube explained that the village plans to cover costs for the rubberized surface, drainage, and all engineering/inspections initially. \$250,000 has been donated by the Connor Foundation toward the new playground.

Tara Martin, 60 Tartan Ct., shared that her favorite aspects of the design are the mounds, the river in the surfacing, and the 2nd story with the slide.

Ellen Hunt, 56 E. Orange St., shared concerns of older kids in the park after dark.

Anne DeConingh, 50 E. Orange St., also shared concern of older kids making a mess in the area after dark.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.



Erinn Grube, Council President
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