

FORM A
TOWN OF AYER CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST FORM

Parks

FISCAL YEAR: 2023

Please list each capital request on this form with a dollar amount and in the appropriate year. Then complete a Form B for each request appearing on this sheet.

	Item Requested	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
1	Basketball Court Rehab		\$100,000			
2	Spalsh Park			\$50,000		
3	Sandy Pond Beachhouse Rehab				\$400,000	
4	Access Road/Parking Lot Paving		\$50,000			
5	Remediation of Kiddie Junction	\$500,000				
6	Sandy Pond Beachhouse Rehab Study			\$25,000		
	Yearly Totals	\$500,000	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$400,000	\$0

Department Head Signature: _____

Date: _____

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FORM B
TOWN OF AYER CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST BACKUP DOCUMENTATION

DEPARTMENT:

FISCAL YEAR: 2023

Please provide written explanation and justification and any appropriate backup materials that would be necessary to understand and consider this request.

Fiscal Year of Request: 2023

Item or Project: Remediation of Kiddie Junction

Explanation of Request: Kiddie Junction is a well used playground area at the center of Pirone Park. It was constructed in 1989 as a community project and is a popular location for residents as well as those from out of town. Unfortunately, an EPA study conducted in 2006 found that the wood that the structure is predominately made of contains arsenic, which had leached into the soil. Further research called for by the Parks Department found that the amount of arsenic in the soil was considered "elevated" by EPA standards, but not enough to warrant closing the facility from public use. Concern remains due to potential for continued leeching that would push the arsenic levels beyond elevated, as well as the inevitable deterioration of the wooden structure itself. Also at issue is the disposal of the contaminated soil and wood, which is considered "toxic waste" and requires specific and somewhat costly methods for removal.

Cost Justification: According to the study, removal of the current structure needs to be done professionally by qualified technicians. Replacement structures ideally would be of similar size and scope of the existing one, as well as some enhancements.

Benefit to the Town: As one of the centerpieces of Pirone Park and a social commonplace for families in town, maintaining a play structure of this stature is of paramount importance. There are limited other playground options in town.

Alternative: As for the removal of the current structure, few alternatives exist due to the restrictive nature of disposing of the current materials. Smaller modular structures could be installed in sections to defray costs over time.

Additional Notes: We will be asking the CPC for \$300K to partially fund this project, which we have a ballpark estimate of \$583K total based on a 2007 study

adjusted for inflation. A new study is currently underway to develop a plan for both the remediation of the site and construction of a new play structure, including an estimate for the total cost. This estimate will not be completed until December, at which time we can give a more accurate figure for total cost.

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