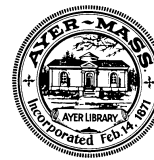


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The Pirone Park Playground project began in 2022 with the initial removal and reconstruction plan to be done in phases. The removal and remediation work and initial design on a replacement playground was completed in late winter of 2022. Approximately \$552,000 is remaining from the original budget secured at 2022 Town Meeting. Due to significant increases in materials and labor, it was determined that it would be more cost effective to reconstruct the playground entirely, rather than in phases. It was decided to seek funding for the entire rebuild portion of the project in order to complete it before prices increased further.

Based on initial estimates provided by a paid consultant (BETA engineering) the cost for building the entire playground would be about \$1,849,000 including contingencies. By removing several line items that will be able to be done through town resources, the estimate was brought down to \$1,552,000. Funding for the entire project, including the remaining design work, materials and labor was secured at the 2023 spring Town Meeting, and could be used in its entirety starting July 1, 2023.

BETA, who has been assisting with the management of the project since its initial remediation phase, put together a final design for all phases of a new playground in spring of 2023. They have also been working with the Conservation Commission for an NOI approval. BETA has put together a list of playground parts and surface material that were vetted for ADA accommodation. The parts and material have been ordered and we are awaiting their arrival. An RFP for the construction will be released in August 2023.

Updated Estimate Timeline:

Winter 2023: Complete planning through BETA for the rebuilding of the playground.

April 2023: Secure funding for the project at Town Meeting.

May/June 2023: Complete design work, set up purchase order for parts and surface material.

July 2023: Ordered parts and materials

August 2023: Put out RFP for construction work.

Fall 2023: Begin construction.

Late Fall 2023/Early Spring 2024: Playground grand opening