

Elsmere Elementary Playground

“A place to love, grow and PLAY!”

Improvements Proposed

by the Elsmere PTA

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January 31, 2012

GOAL OF THIS MEETING

- Inform the Elsmere community about the PTA's proposed plan to update and replace the existing playground
- Listen to community feedback
- Engage community in the project
- Encourage individuals to share their thoughts with PTA board members prior to the meeting on February 7th

Elsmere Elementary Playground

- Lower playground is outdated and sparse, and tire swing is broken
- The large wooden structure on the upper playground is 20 years old (1992)
- Some wooden retaining walls are leaning or rotting
- Only one ADA accessible play element
- Some equipment does not meet current safety code (CPSC)
- Swing sets were donated by PTA in 2009



AVAILABLE SPACE ON LOWER PLAYGROUND

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OUTDATED EQUIPMENT ON LOWER PLAYGROUND

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RETAINING WALL BETWEEN UPPER AND LOWER PLAYGROUND

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DETACHED YELLOW SLIDE ON UPPER PLAYGROUND

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ADA ACCESSIBLE BENCH AND TIRE SWING

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

- Met with reps of 3 equipment manufacturers
 - Playworld Systems (R.E. Woodson, Inc. - Rochester)
 - Miracle R.E.C. (Robert Petinelli - Rensselaer)
 - Landscape Structures (Parkitechts, Inc. – Lansing)
- February 1st meeting with Leathers Associates (Ithaca, NY)
 - Designed and installed large wooden structure

DESIGN GOALS

- Remove and replace equipment on lower level of playground
- Relocate picnic tables to within trees next to lower playground, outside mulch area.
- Remove and replace some wooden retaining walls
- Improve landscaping where needed
- Perform repairs and updates as needed on upper wooden playground structure

DESIGN CONCEPT

- One large play structure with decks, 2-3 slides, rock wall, additional play elements
- One large horizontal climber
- One large web or rock climber
- Independent items



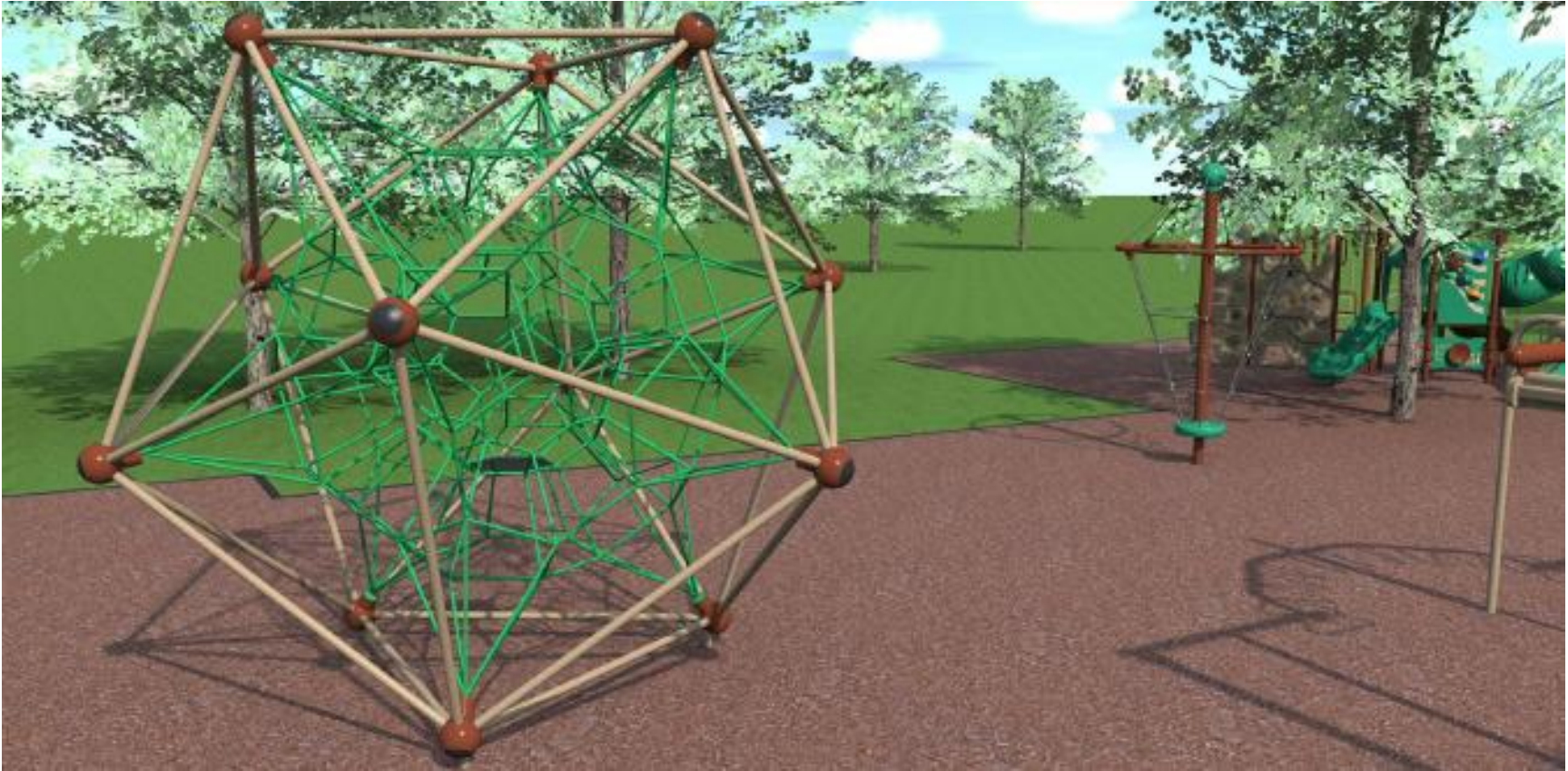
PLAYWORLD SYSTEMS – LARGE PLAY STRUCTURE*

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PLAYWORLD SYSTEMS – PROPOSED HORIZONTAL CLIMBER*

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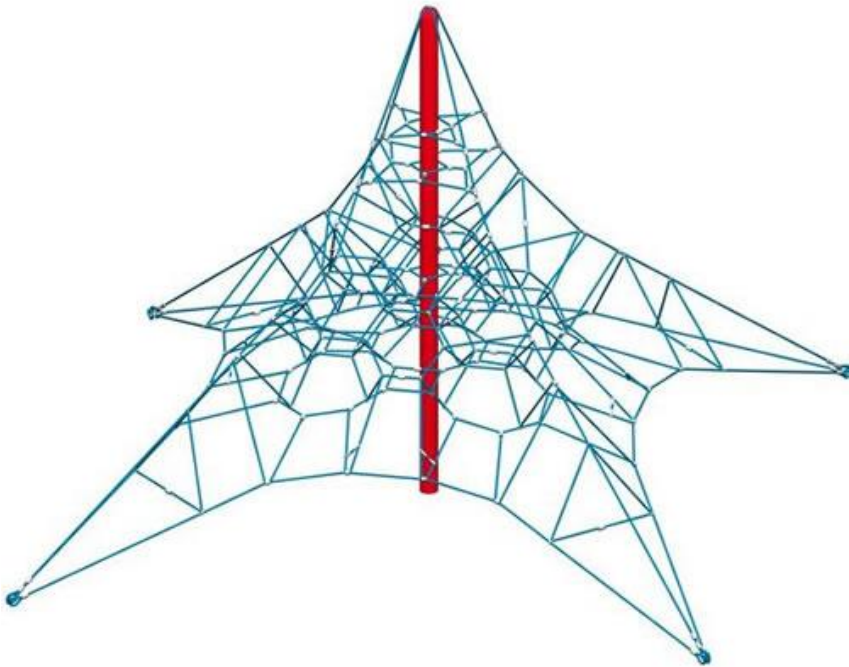
PLAYWORLD SYSTEMS – PROPOSED PLAY WEB AND SPINAMI*

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MIRACLE R.E.C. – LARGE PLAY STRUCTURE*

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MIRACLE R.E.C.– PROPOSED NET CLIMBER AND ROCK CLIMBER*

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LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES – LARGE PLAY STRUCTURE*

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ESTIMATED BUDGET

	Low Cost Estimate	High Cost Estimate
Demolition	\$0*	\$5,000
Playground Equipment and Delivery	\$75,000	\$75,000
Mulch (Wood Fiber)	\$5,000	\$10,000
New Border Timbers	\$5,000	\$5,000
Installation	\$15,000*	\$25,000
Wooden playground repairs	\$2,000*	\$5,000**
GRAND TOTAL	\$102,000	\$125,000

*Volunteer labor and materials required

**dependent on 2/1 mtg with Leathers

PROPOSED FINANCIAL PLAN

Internal Fundraisers	\$25,000
PTA Contribution	\$ 5,000
Senator Breslin/State Grant	\$12,000
Donated Materials/Services	\$10,000
Grants	\$40,000
Community Donations	\$10,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$102,000

PROPOSED TIMELINE

February 7th - PTA Meeting, Board Members Vote

February 8th - Implement plan!

June 16th - Elsmere Community Day/Silent Auction

January 2013 - Select vendor/order equipment

Summer 2013 – INSTALLATION!!!

PROS

- Excellent investment for our children and future children
- Will benefit every child attending Elsmere
- May attract new members to our community
- May raise property values in nearby homes
- Proactive plan because replacement is inevitable

CONS

- Significant fundraising will be required
- Volunteers will be needed at fundraising events, demolition and installation
- Existing playground has “character”
- Community must choose to invest in playground improvements versus other projects

Questions/Comments?

- We want your feedback!
- Please share your thoughts with PTA board members PRIOR to TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7th
 - Co-President: Patty Michaelson: pmichaelson@verizon.net
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 - Co-VP, Playground: Amy Cohen: ablyecohen@gmail.com
 - Please visit the Elsmere PTA website for a list of all your PTA Board members and their contact information