



Item No. 5b.
Town of Atherton

TO: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

FROM: STEVE TYLER – PARK SUPERINTENDENT

DATE: NOVEMBER 4TH, 2015

SUBJECT: PARCOURSE REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT
RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Park and Recreation Committee review staff plan for par course replacement, suggest any changes they might deem necessary, and support moving forward with this plan.

BACKGROUND

In June, an errant vehicle caused some damage to the par course between the N Meadow and the parking lot on the E side of the park. While investigating repairs to this station, it became necessary to close down the station that sits behind the Corporation Yard because of deteriorating components. Both stations are tired and in need of replacement.

ANALYSIS

The Park and Recreation Committee put together an ad hoc committee in April to study the refurbishing/upgrading of the par course equipment (all four stations) in the park. The committee recommended that staying consistent with the newer playground equipment made by Columbia Cascade would be the best fit for the park. They also recommended continuing using the “standard brown” for the color. They never really defined what type of materials to use for the sections of the equipment that require wood (real wood, recycled plastic wood, sofdek) but they did suggest they did not care at all for the recycled plastic look.

Staff currently has two stations of equipment budgeted in the 2015-16 CIP (under park masterplan projects). Staff suggests that these two damaged stations be chosen to upgrade this year. Staff also suggests the Columbia Cascade Pipeline series in brown as suggested by the P&R ad hoc committee earlier this year. As much as staff believes that recycled wood or sofdek benches would perform the longest, staff would suggest the timber benches (natural wood) for these applications.

This item was brought to the Park and Recreation Committee on October 7, 2015. The Committee request staff investigate locations that were currently using the equipment so committee members might go by and see it in person.

The Committee was given a list of these locations on 10/14/2015.

DISCUSSION

- Columbia Cascade Pipeline – OK or not.
- Color – Brown
- Bench materials – Timber, Recycled plastic or sofdek?

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