

Minutes
Special Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall
September 13, 2011 – 6 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Ladd.

Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.

Members Present: Commissioners Sherri Chavora, Jerry Hebekeuser, Jeff Selbig, and Chairperson Marsha Ladd.

Members Absent: Vacancy (Terri Brown resigned).

Others Present: Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, and audience members.

Approve Agenda for September 13, 2011:

A motion to approve the agenda as presented by Commissioner Hebekeuser and supported by Commissioner Chavora.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Approve Minutes from August 22, 2011 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2011 meeting was made by Commissioner Hebekeuser and supported by Commissioner Chavora.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Public Comments: None at this time.

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. August 22, 2011 minutes
3. Playscape rendering for phases I & II
4. Fundraising report from September 8, 2011
5. Plan tables (park system, five year plan, six year and beyond plan)

Business:

1. Playscape review (to expand concept to phase II)

Chairperson Ladd stated that Mayor Frederick has gotten a group together for fundraising. They want the first two phases put together for one fundraising rather than one after another.

Commissioner Hebekeuser stated the monster truck portion looks like it's off by itself. Chairperson Ladd stated it's a second phase for young children. It may be delayed. Mr. Adam Zettel stated that someone could sponsor it for \$1,000.

Motion by Commissioner Chavora, supported by Commissioner Hebekeuser to accept Phases I and II as a combined effort.

Yeas all. Motion carried.

Bentley Park Playground Owosso, Michigan

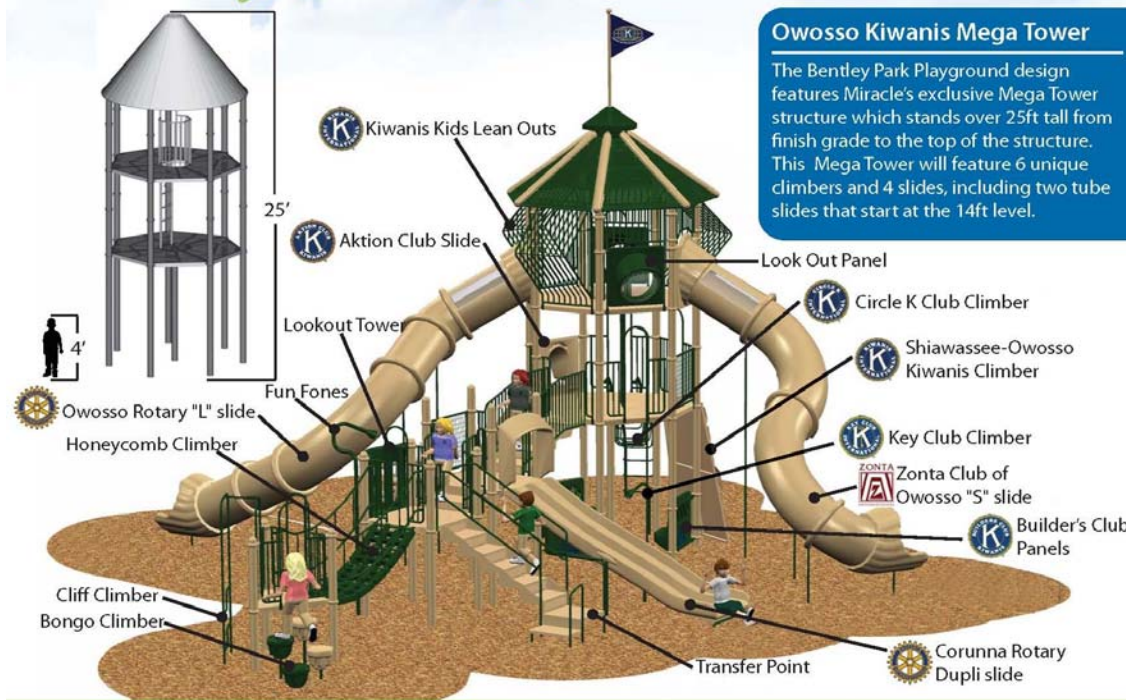


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Owosso Kiwanis Mega Tower
The Bentley Park Playground design features Miracle's exclusive Mega Tower structure which stands over 25ft tall from finish grade to the top of the structure. This Mega Tower will feature 6 unique climbers and 4 slides, including two tube slides that start at the 14ft level.

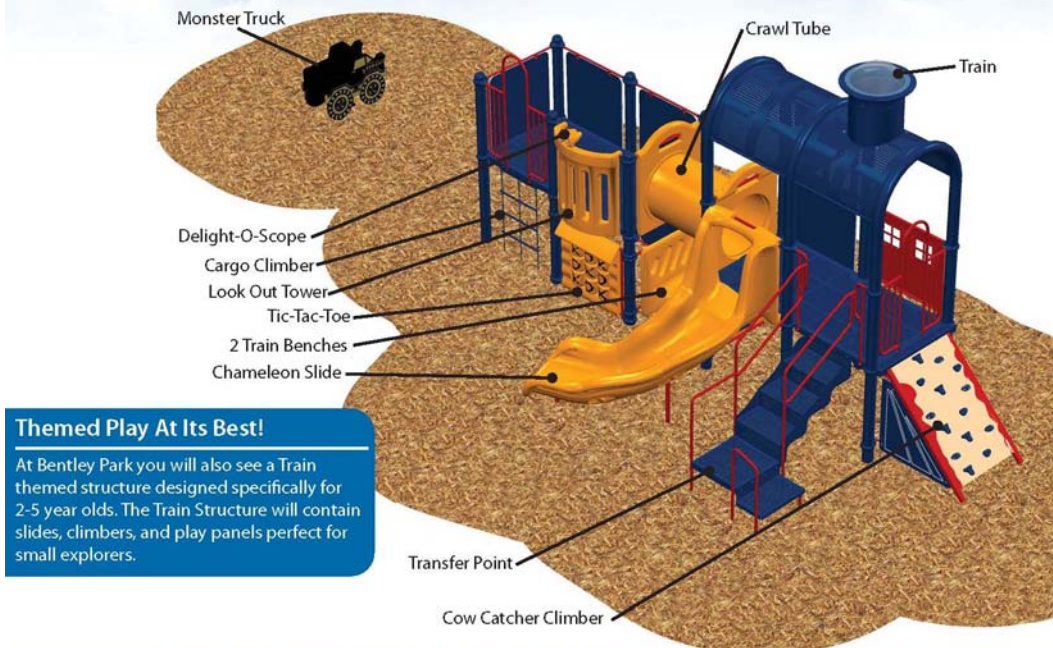
- Kiwanis Kids Lean Outs
- Aktion Club Slide
- Look Out Panel
- Circle K Club Climber
- Shiawassee-Owosso Kiwanis Climber
- Key Club Climber
- Zonta Club of Owosso "S" slide
- Builder's Club Panels
- Corunna Rotary Dupli slide
- Transfer Point
- Cliff Climber
- Bongo Climber
- Fun Fones
- Lookout Tower
- Owosso Rotary "L" slide
- Honeycomb Climber

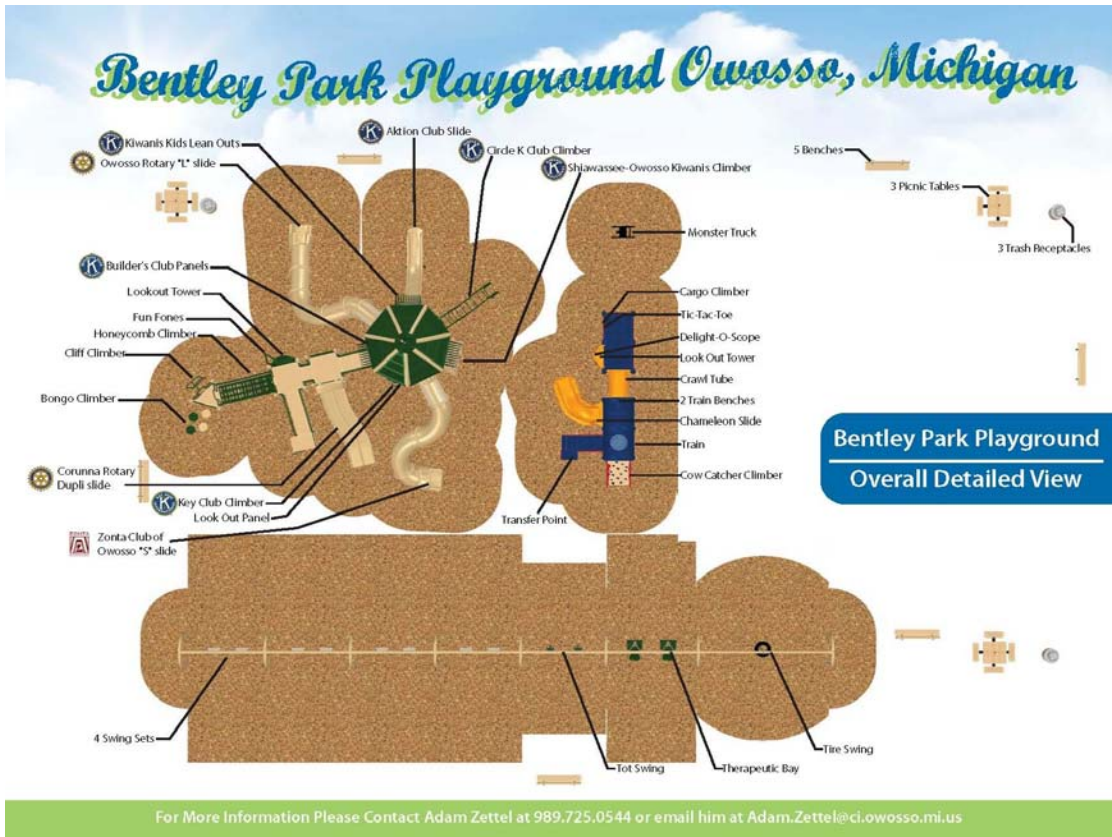
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Purchase A Piece of the Playground
Owosso Kiwanis Mega Tower

If an individual piece of equipment is "purchased", your name and/or business will be recognized in any promotional materials and signage at the playground. You may also choose to purchase a piece of the playground in memory of a loved one.

Prices for Play Equipment
This list is to be used for fundraising purposes only.

Cliff Climber	\$500
Fun Fones	\$500
Key Club Climber	\$500
Look Out Panel	\$500
Aktion Club Climber	\$1000
Circle K Club Climber	\$1000
Bongo Climber	\$1000
Lookout Tower	\$1000
Builder's Club Panels	\$1500
Kiwanis Kids Lean Outs	\$1500
Shiawassee-Owosso	
Kiwanis Climber	\$1500
Transfer Point	\$1500
Honeycomb Climber	\$2000
Corunna Rotary Dupli slide	\$2500
Owosso Rotary "L" slide	\$3500
Zonta Club of Owosso "S" slide	\$3500

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Purchase A Piece of the Playground
2-5 Train, Swings, & Amenities

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Tic-Tac-Toe	\$500
Cargo Climber	\$500
Delight-O-Scope	\$500
2 Train Benches	\$1000
Monster Truck	\$1000
Crawl Tube	\$1000
Cow Catcher Climber	\$1500
Transfer Point	\$1500
Look Out Tower	\$1500
Chameleon Slide	\$1500
Train	\$5000

4 Swing Sets	\$500/ea
Tot Swing	\$500
Therapeutic Swing	\$500
Tire Swing	\$500
5 Benches	\$500
3 Trash Receptacles	\$500
6 Picnic Tables	\$1000

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2. Splashpad

Dave Acton is a member of the splash park subcommittee from the Owosso Main Street Design Committee. They worked to procure the fountain downtown. Several people have climbed into it. They decided to take that energy and form a new subcommittee to look into making a splash park. Some of the considerations were:

1. What is the content of a splash park? The group visited other splash parks and studied the design scope.
2. They have talked about a budget of \$50,000.
3. Location: The group has talked about DDA, OMS and Historic District Boundaries – they are all different. The Baker College Kids area has been discussed. There were about seven areas that were seriously considered. The favorite was Bentley Park. They would like to see the splash park added to the Master Plan, and would like to collaborate with the Parks & Recreation group. Maybe we can synergize fundraising plans with the playscape. We would like to cooperate and collaborate.

Tom Manke introduced himself as living in Owosso Township and having a business at 118 S. Washington Street. The disposal of Holman Pool was a big deal – it was too deteriorated. There is an energy to put in something. The pool would have cost up to \$1 million. A splash park is much more affordable. The marriage of a splash park and a playscape is a great combination. Why not at Holman Pool? The city is looking at keeping that a winter park.

Mr. Shaffer Fox, 510 E. Oliver, stated that they went about it methodically and scientifically. Bentley Park is just a great place. It would make a nice appearance as people come into the city.

Deb Johnson, business owner in Owosso, stated we need to involve the kids city wide and county wide.

Get the kids involved and the parents will be involved.

Mr. Fox stated that his sister is from Birch Run, and she told him how the kids in school designed their playscape. Everyone got so involved, they cancelled the hired carpenters and came in under budget. The money flowed in quickly for them.

Chairperson Ladd sense their energy and enthusiasm. Commissioner Hebekeuser is glad to see everyone here. Chairperson Ladd looks forward to working with the group. She would love to have a water feature at Bentley Park. She agrees with the Mayor and hopes to see the fundraising become a coordination rather than a competition with each other.

Commissioner Chavora agrees and loves the idea. She also hopes we can get a better visual from M-52. The playscape is quite hidden from M-52. This is a great marriage. She asked if they had a size on the splash park. Mr. Acton responded 5,000 square feet.

Commissioner Hebekeuser stated the Kiwanians have made a very large donation to redo the basketball court.

Mr. Acton noted there is also a way finding initiative. We could also work together on that.

Mr. Manke asked are you looking at rebuilding the tennis courts.

Chairperson Ladd stated we are waiting on a state grant for tennis courts, bathrooms, and trees. It may be awarded this month. Basketball lights were discussed.

Ms. Johnson stated this needs to be put in the papers. People would take better care of the parks.

3. Park Plan Updates

Per Mr. Zettel, we plan to keep the park plan more general and then when working on a particular area, that is the time to get more specific.

Commissioner Hebekeuser will check with the users of the parks and find out where the ruts were.

a. Hopkins fishing pier and boat launch

Mr. Zettel stated they are looking to a solid foundation for a fishing pier rather than a floating pier which is more dangerous. Staff sees no problem with working on this. Chairperson Ladd has met with Jeff Voight.

b. Trail head locations

Mr. Zettel stated there is Consumer Energy property just north of Bentley Park which is contaminated and could be used for parking or a pavilion. Washington and Water Street; Rudy DeMuth Ball Field, and the east side of the water plant property – these are all possible trail head locations.

C Shiawassee River: kayak/canoe launch, forestation, fishing, etc.

Chairperson Ladd spoke to Jerry Voight. He has concerns about the trail along the Shiawassee Railroad Institute. He is creating a foundation to maintain the forestation. The Friends of the Shiawassee River group is also working on the trail.

d. Disc golf

Mr. Jonathon Beebe stated the property line at Rosevear Park is not very far back; only 300 – 500 feet per city manager Don Crawford. Mr. Zettel showed the map of the Rosevear Park. It's about 700 x 475 feet. It is big enough for about nine holes for disc golf per Mr. Beebe. There was discussion about using Hopkins Lake instead so there could be a larger area for disc golf. Also discussion about Oak Hill property. Commissioner Selbig suggested a balance of maybe using both Rosevear and Oak Hill property. Maybe the front part of Rosevear could be cleared and picnic tables installed. Commissioner Chavora suggested a contract at Oak Hill.

Mr. Zettel stated a skate rink is not in the budget this year, but it could open if something comes up.

Commissioner Chavora suggested the top of the snow hill be built wider and leveled off. There is not enough flat surface on the top. Mr. Zettel has made a recommendation to the DPW and hasn't gotten a response yet. He will check again on that issue.

Discussion of Grand Avenue Park maybe being used as a Community Garden. That would need a vote of the people to sell it per Mr. Zettel. Maybe it could be developed with a community neighborhood plan.

It was commented that maybe the splashpad could replace Phase III on the Playscape plans

City Councilmember Cindy Popovitch, expressed concerned about the derailing of a three year project and the redesigning of the fundraising.

Commissioner Chavora stated it has been advertised. People just haven't had funds. Maybe we need to go back to the phased design.

Mr. Zettel stated that with the mayor being involved, they hope to have good coordination.

Mrs. Popovitch said the city has to look at a fundraising letter.

Mr. Zettel stated the city will be ready to accept funds. He thinks it'll be a cool project and it can be run as one project.

Mr. Manke stated we're doers. We are going to do the splash park. It would be great if we can do it in the city with the Parks and Recreation Commission. We have a population that wants to do this. There followed a discussion about two groups creating a working agreement with the playscape and water feature fundraising cooperation.

Mr. Manke said that City Councilmember Joni Forster said that Hopkins Lake had illegal dumping for 40 years with plastic, metal and asphalt. There used to be three to five parks had that ice skating rinks. He sees no reason why it isn't being done now.

Ms. Popovitch wanted it noted that there are many beautiful mature trees in Rosevear Park and she wants them to remain.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Chavora and was supported by Commissioner Hebekeuser. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Marty Stinson, Recording Secretary