

# **DLPOA Playground Project Information**

## **Letter from Playground Committee**

Dear Residents of Dunham Lake

We hope all of the information located on this website helps you with any questions or concerns you may have had. Please realize if you have any questions that you can contact a member of the committee and we will do our best to give you an answer or we will ask someone who can and get back to you as soon as possible. We know that times are tough right now and that money is tight, but you still have time, and any time you can donate to us is valuable. We need help with many areas of this project not just money. Volunteering brings our community together and shows others what can be done just by giving time. Thank you in advance for looking over this information, pledging, and volunteering for a wonderful cause. We will keep this website updated if there is any other information that needs to be posted.

Sincerely,

The Playground Committee

## **Initial Reasons for Researching New Equipment**

Safety of the Old Equipment already on site

Liability – if a child is injured we can be sued, new equipment would decrease this chance because we care enough to make improvements.

Concerns and suggestions of residents

Response from the board due to residents' to develop a committee, which would research companies, equipment, layout and design of a new playground

Need of new equipment for all children present and future of Dunham Lake

## **Playground Information and Layout**

Age Appropriate

When structures are developed they are often designed based on the age of the children playing on them. There are two age groups 2 -5 and 5 – 12. Therefore the younger children have their own simplified structure. This allows the older children their own space without having to be overly concerned about the younger children.

List of Playground Equipment including benefits of each piece of equipment on the structures

**Double Poly Slide**

Gross Motor Skills

<b>Conical Climber</b>	Hand Eye Coordination, Gross Motor
<b>Starburst Climber</b>	Hand Eye Coordination, Gross Motor
<b>Loop Arch</b>	Gross Motor, Foot and Hand Placement
<b>Chain Ladder</b>	Gross Motor
<b>Orbiter Spinner</b>	Hand Eye Coordination, Gross Motor
<b>Fire Pole</b>	Pretend Play
<b>Overhead Parallel Bars</b>	Hand Eye Coordination, Strength Building
<b>Clatterbridge</b>	Pretend Play, Socialization
<b>Pilot Panel</b>	Pretend Play
<b>Chinning Bar</b>	Strength Building
<b>Handhold/Leg Lift</b>	Floor activity

**Play Booster – 5-12 year old Structure**

**Play Shaper – 2-5 year old Structure**

<b>Doubly Swoosh Slide</b>	Gross Motor
<b>Cozy Climber</b>	Gross Motor
<b>Bubble Panel</b>	Parent/Child Interaction
<b>Pilot Panel</b>	Gross Motor, Socialization, Pretend Play
<b>Crawl Tunnel</b>	Gross Motor
<b>Balcony</b>	Socialization, Pretend Play
<b>Stairs</b>	Gross Motor

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## **INDEPENDENT COMPONENTS**

### **PLAYTHINGS**

CURVED BALANCE BEAM

### **PERMALENE SIGN**

SIGN WITH OPTIONAL NAME

### **KIDS IN MOTION**

SEESAW 4-SEATS

### **INDEPENDENT SWINGS**

ARCH TIRE SWING

TODDLER SWING

This equipment provides a well rounded amount of physical and developmental activities for our children making it a great space for them to socialize and play with their friends.

Developmental Activities Include

Gross and Fine Motor – this is referring to movement of the body gross is large body movement and fine referring to small precise movements

Socialization

Dramatic Play

Parent/Child Interaction

Language Development

Emotional Development

We spent many hours working with the president of the company to come up with structures and independent components which would be fitting for the needs of our children

We wanted compact play structures that didn't take away from the activity and needs of the children – each piece of the structure is there for a reason.

## **Landscape Structures, Inc or LSI – LSI the manufacturer of the chose equipment**

LSI has been in business since 1971

From 1971 to present LSI has received many honors making them one of the global leaders in the commercial playground industry

Playgrounds can be found all over the world with LSI equipment

LSI cares about the environment by

Meeting ISO standards

Reusing materials

Using recycled materials

Properly handling of hazardous materials

There are a number of other items they do to protect the environment during and after the manufacturing process

IPEMA Certified – International Playground Equipment Manufacturers Association is an association which refers to safety standards and production of quality equipment

LSI produces quality materials

Creating a playground like this one takes time, research, and a company which is knowledgeable about product, design, and layout.

LSI website <http://www.playlsi.com>

Their website has a lot of excellent information including honors, certifications, products, and general information about the company.

Also includes maintenance and product warranty information

## **Why Superior Play is our first choice**

Committee members drove to a number of playgrounds designed by other companies. They weren't happy with the designs and/or quality of the equipment

References – Superior Play has built playgrounds for many area schools, parks, and child care centers.

Their Customer Service and knowledge base is excellent. They were always there to answer any questions we had. They came to any meetings that we asked them to. They handle any concerns we had with the utmost professionalism. I can't say enough for what they have done for us.

The ability to perform a community built playground

Community build means the playground is constructed by 35 volunteers saving on installation costs of the playground equipment and materials.

Representatives of Superior Play are certified playground inspectors. Once the playground is constructed it is then certified by the inspector who is present during the build.

Superior play is the only representative in Michigan which sells Landscape Structure, Inc. Products

You can go to Superior Plays website by clicking on the following link <http://www.superiorplaymi.com/>

## **Pictures and Layout of the Playground are at the end of the document**

## **Benefits that a new playground would bring to the residents/families of our neighborhood**

Add value to our property

It would cause the children in the neighborhood to be more active and healthier

It would bring our community together

It would bring more people down to the beach during the off times

## **Funding Process/Ideas**

The following breakdown gives an idea of how we intend to obtain the money to achieve this project.

### **Donations/Pledges**

Pledges allow us to get an idea of how much money people are willing to give when the time comes to build the structure. We aren't asking for you to send the money with the pledge. We won't be collecting the money until the project is finalized.

### **Grants**

Grants allow us to collect money from other organizations and companies locally and nationally. It takes a lot of research and time to obtain them. But, grants are definitely an option for us.

### **Fundraising**

As a committee we have come up with many ideas for fundraisers. Please contact us if you would like to be involved in helping with the fundraising process in any way. Or If you have fundraising ideas.

### **DLPOA Monies**

We hope that we will not have to ask the Civic Committee or the Board for any funding at all. But it may have to be an option, so that is why it is being listed.

Once we reach our goal in each category then we will assess what is left to pay for and decide with the Board/Civic Committee how to do so accordingly.

We intend to have a breakdown of project costs available soon

November 11, 2008

## DLPOA Proposed Playground Pledge Request

Dear Dunham Lake Resident,

A proposal for new playground equipment was presented by a board-supported sub-committee at this year's D.L.P.O.A. board meeting (10/14/08). Many residents have expressed an interest in new equipment and/or concerns about the safety of our existing equipment. The proposal is to replace the current metal slide, monkey bar structure, and small kids play structure. A picture of the proposed structure details can be found on our website: [www.dunhamlake.org](http://www.dunhamlake.org).

Because this project is significant and will require a large investment, we are starting the process by asking our residents to make outright pledges for support. In recognition of our initial supporters, we will install a custom Donor Sign near the structure that will offer a public display of our appreciation and gratitude to those involved in our playground project. Here is how the donors will be recognized:

**Gold** (pledges over \$500), **Silver** (pledges of \$250 to \$500), and **Bronze** (pledges of \$50 to \$250).

At this time, we are only asking for a *pledge* to validate that there is enough support for the project. We request that you submit your pledge no later than **November 30, 2008**. Please feel free to ask friends and family outside of the neighborhood for additional donations! If we are able to raise enough money through these pledges, future fund-raising events, grants, etc we will then notify you and provide a 30-day notice for sending in the pledged funds.

Please help us reach our goal with your pledge.

Sincerely,  
Patrick McFall VP, DLPOA

**Please send your pledge:**

Via mail to Stacey Colliton, 3203 Briar Hill Rd, Hartland, MI 48353

Via eMail: Please send the information below to [staceync@comcast.net](mailto:staceync@comcast.net)

Via Fax: Please fax this completed form to 248-887-5466

The sub-committee will confirm your pledge with a standard acknowledgement email or letter. If you have any questions, please call 248-887-5218

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to assist with fund-raising activities.  YES  NO

I am willing to contribute 2 days (approx. 20 hours) of service for installation.  YES  NO

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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**Pictures**