

**Town of Lincoln, Massachusetts
Community Preservation Committee
Project Submission Sheet**

Requests received by November 14, 2005 will be considered for recommendation at the March 2006 Town Meeting.

Project Name: **PRESCHOOL TOT LOT**

Submitted by: Noah Eckhouse, Recreation Committee Chair **Submission Date:** 11/14/05

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Town Committee or Organization (if applicable): Recreation Committee

Brief description of the project: The Recreation Department is seeking to install a preschool-age appropriate playground on the site of the former "tot lot", adjacent to the Codman Pool parking lot. This is a refurbishment of an aged and decaying playground, which has been largely removed over the past few years due to safety concerns. In addition to replacing the play structure, we will also repair the existing fence.

Though we will work to include elements for children of all ages, the playground will be primarily targeted towards preschool age children. The town currently has no play structures that were designed for children of this age group.

The new equipment will be made of recycled plastic, which is both environmentally sensitive and promises a much longer lifespan than the former wood equipment. Also unlike the former wood equipment, it is very low maintenance and budget friendly.

This project has the support of the Lincoln Family Association and Magic Garden preschool.

Time frame for completion of the project: We have already completed an initial design of the facility and developed our pricing from it. Once a final design is completed, installation usually takes 1-2 weeks, and would be scheduled as soon as funding is secured and the weather is appropriate. The site is currently underused and will pose no scheduling issues.

How does this project help preserve Lincoln's character or further its mission? Lincoln is a family town. Lacking a significant downtown, many of the gathering points around town revolve around family activities, such as school, sports, open space and recreation. Unfortunately, the town has no facilities to serve families with young children. All of our existing playgrounds -- from Strat's Place to the Red and Green playgrounds behind Smith School -- were designed for kindergarten-aged children and beyond. In addition, virtually all of the playgrounds in town are physically attached to a school, so their use during school hours is reserved (this include the preschools in town). Simply put, parents (and grandparents, etc.) of young children have nowhere to go.

The former tot lot had fallen into disrepair due to lack of maintenance. When the recreation committee was given responsibility for the maintenance of the towns' playgrounds in the mid 90's, the equipment was removed due to safety concerns and budget restrictions.

The former tot lot was a popular site for young families, due to its age appropriate equipment, fenced and accessible location, and natural beauty. There are some terrific shade trees on the site which we will preserve.

The greater aim is to provide an opportunity for young children and their parents to gather and build community.

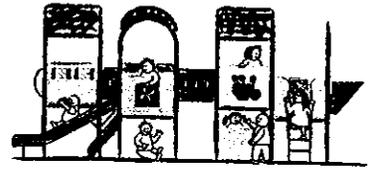
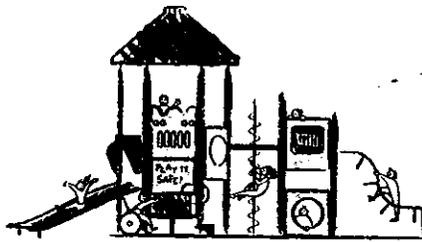
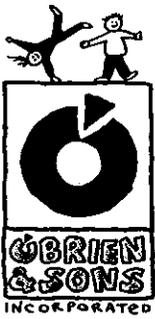
What are your funding requirements?

Unfortunately, long-life and high-safety playgrounds are not inexpensive. However, we have worked hard to reduce our original capital expense line item estimate of \$125,000 to the current request for \$75,000. This was done with free site design work and by using less costly structural elements. Moving forward on this project now fixes these costs and rescues the site which is becoming more overgrown.

The Recreation Committee will work with various charitable organizations and affinity groups (such as the LFA) to fundraise for this project. It is our aim to use these funds for additional site improvements, and use CPA funds to cover the cost of the central play structure.

Fiscal Year	Implementation Costs	Maintenance Costs	Total Costs	Other Funding Sources (and \$amount)	CPC Funds Requested
2006					
2007	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000		\$75,000
2008					
Total					

PLEASE ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS OR OTHER INFORMATION



September 21, 2005

Mr. Dan Pereira
Recreation Department
P.O. Box 6353
Lincoln, MA 01773

RE: Tot Lot

Dear Dan:

Per your request, I am sending two conceptual designs for the purpose of submitting for potential funding.

My prices are estimates on installation and surfacing. However, I do feel pretty comfortable with the numbers.

You may want to protect yourself and add 6-8%.

QUOTE

Description

Price

MEO6106A Custom PlayShaper with 2 Bays of Swings with Estimated Installation and Estimated Wood Fiber

\$60,000.00

MEO6106B Custom PlayShaper with Independents and Swings with Estimated Installation and Estimated Wood Fiber

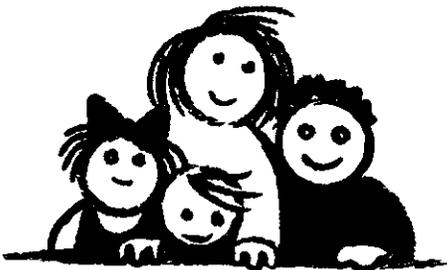
\$75,000.00

Sincerely,

Nancy A. White, CPRP, CPSI
Vice President of Sales

NAW/gc

Enclosures



TOT LOT
LINCON, MA.

O'BRIEN AND SONS INC.
NANCY WHITE

THIS PLAY AREA & EQUIPMENT IS
DESIGNED FOR AGES 2-12 YEARS

IT IS THE MANUFACTURER'S OPINION THAT
THIS PLAY AREA DOES CONFORM TO
THE ADA ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES (2010)

THIS CONCEPTUAL PLAN WAS BASED ON
INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US. PROCEED
CONSTRUCTION. DETAILED SITE INFORMATION
INCLUDING SITE DIMENSIONS, TOPOGRAPHY,
UTILITIES, EXISTING CONDITIONS, AND
DRAINAGE STUDIES, SHALL BE OBTAINED,
EVALUATED, & UTILIZED IN THE FINAL DESIGN.

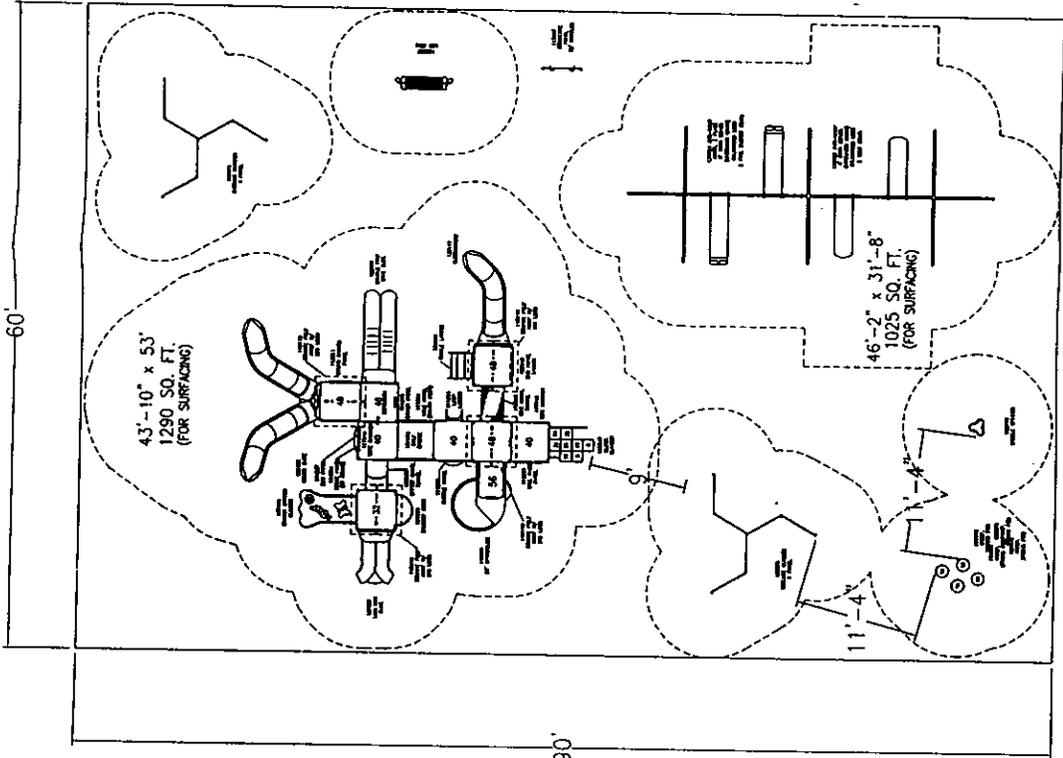
CHOOSE A PROTECTIVE SURFACING MATERIAL
THAT HAS A CRITICAL HEIGHT VALUE OF
AT LEAST THE HEIGHT OF THE HIGHEST
ELEVATED COMPONENT. IN CONSULTATION
WITH THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION (CSPC),
GUIDELINES, SECTION 10: SURFACING.

PLAYSHAPER/IND.
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THIS CONFORMS TO THE ADA ACCESSIBILITY
GUIDELINES (ADAAG), ASSUMING THAT THE
ENTIRE USE ZONE IS COVERED WITH
AN ACCESSIBLE PROTECTIVE SURFACING.

REQUIRED
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TOTAL ELEVATED PLAY COMPONENTS
TOTAL ELEVATED COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY RAMP
TOTAL ELEVATED COMPONENTS ACCESSIBLE BY TRANSFER
TOTAL ACCESSIBLE GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS SHOWN
TOTAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF GROUND LEVEL COMPONENTS



The play components identified
on this plan are IRMA certified.
This does not constitute a
warranty or endorsement of these
components or their compliance
with the requirements of ASTM F1487.

*NOTE: PLEASE VERIFY ALL
DIMENSIONS OF PLAY AREA,
SIZE, AND LOCATION OF ALL
UTILITIES, EXISTING AND
LITIGATION EQUIPMENT, AND
SITE FURNISHINGS PRIOR TO
ORDERING. SLIDES SHOULD NOT
FACE THE HOT AFTERNOON SUN.

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SCALE
1" = 10'

