



Brookline Avenue Playground

Park and Recreation Commission

Design Review Committee

October 28, 2014

Overall Process

- Preliminary budget and scope included in the Capital Improvements Plan (2012)
- Park and Recreation Commission Design Review process with vote from Design Review Committee on 25%-30% complete design (Spring through Fall of 2014)
- Final vote on 25%-30% design from Park and Recreation Commission (Fall/Winter 2014)
- Construction documents for bidding—drawings, technical specifications, and Engineer's estimate (Winter 2014-15)
- Bidding (Spring 2015)
- Town Meeting Vote (May 2015)
- Construction starts after July 1, 2015

Potential Improvements

- Multigenerational use
- A beautiful green frame for the park to buffer it and make it an oasis
- Active and passive opportunities
- Build community
- Maximize opportunities for people and children of all abilities, and provide a place for them to come together
- Tricycle path, shade, and natural play

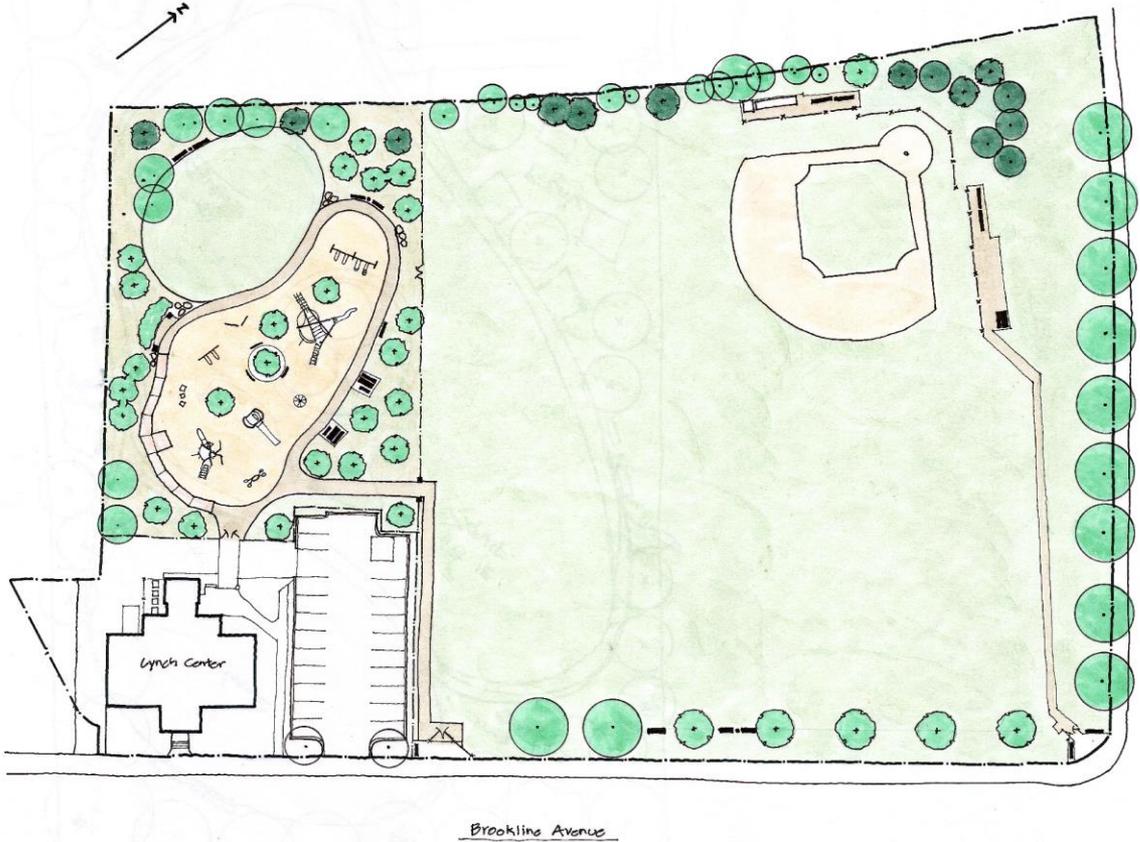
Direction from September Meeting

- Provide an attractive entry to the playground.
- Make it clear that the playground is part of the park.
- Introduce the “wow” factor.
- Consider the flow of activities and the relationships among them; central hub with 4 zones.
- Maximize the activities available to someone in a wheelchair, without needing to be lifted out.
- Introduce a vantage point at a higher elevation.
- Examine the pedestrian/vehicular conflicts at the Lynch Center entrance.
- No sand.

Goals for Tonight

- Review overall improvements—ballfield, planting, site furniture, including preliminary budget.
- Review more detailed design for playground and preliminary budget.
- Provide direction on next steps.

Overall Improvements Plan



Overall Improvements--Ball Field Refurbishment



Replace players' furniture , refurbish fencing, and refurbish ballfield turf and infield mix.

Overall Improvements—Edge Treatments



Improve weaker edge conditions with clean-up and screen plantings utilizing a mix of evergreen and deciduous trees.

Overall Improvements--Planting



Establish a vegetated frame along the lines of Amory Playground, and incorporate plants with detail and interest into natural play in the playground.

Overall Improvements—Site Furniture and Drinking Fountains



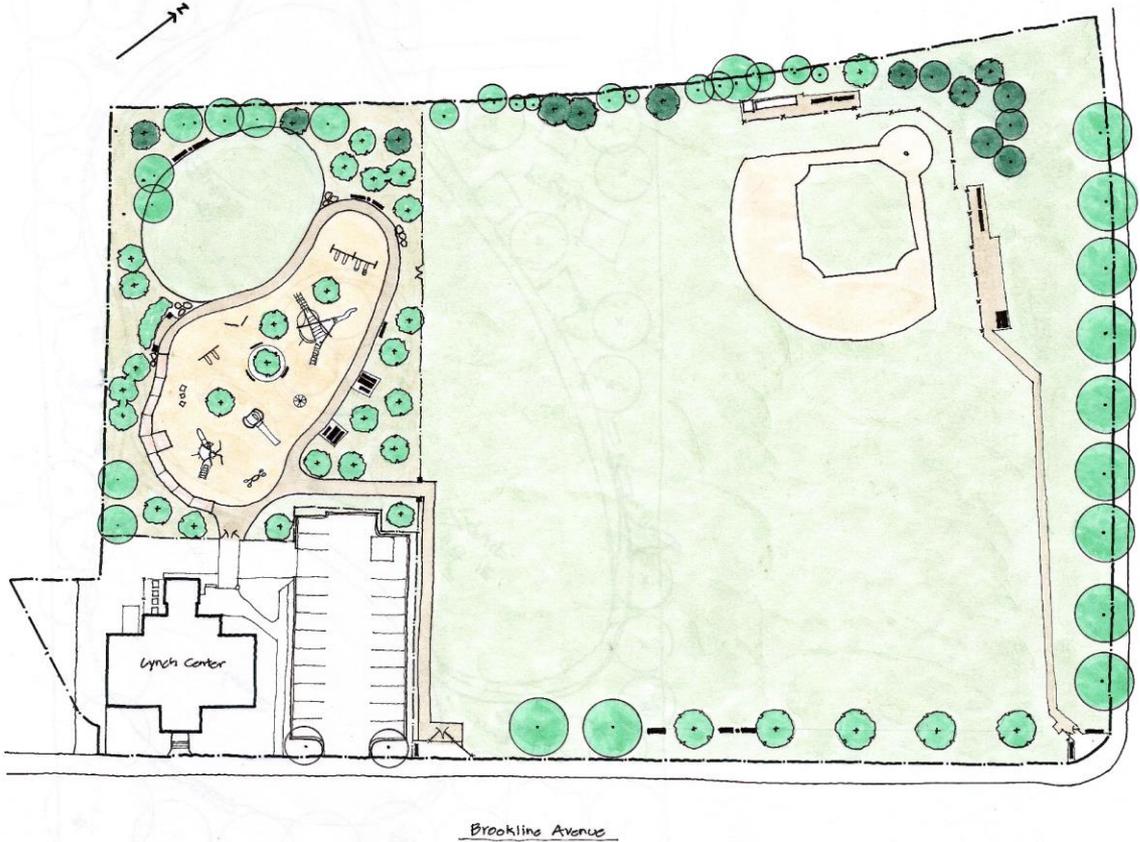
Opportunity to provide more accessible site furniture and features.

Overall Improvements— Site Furniture



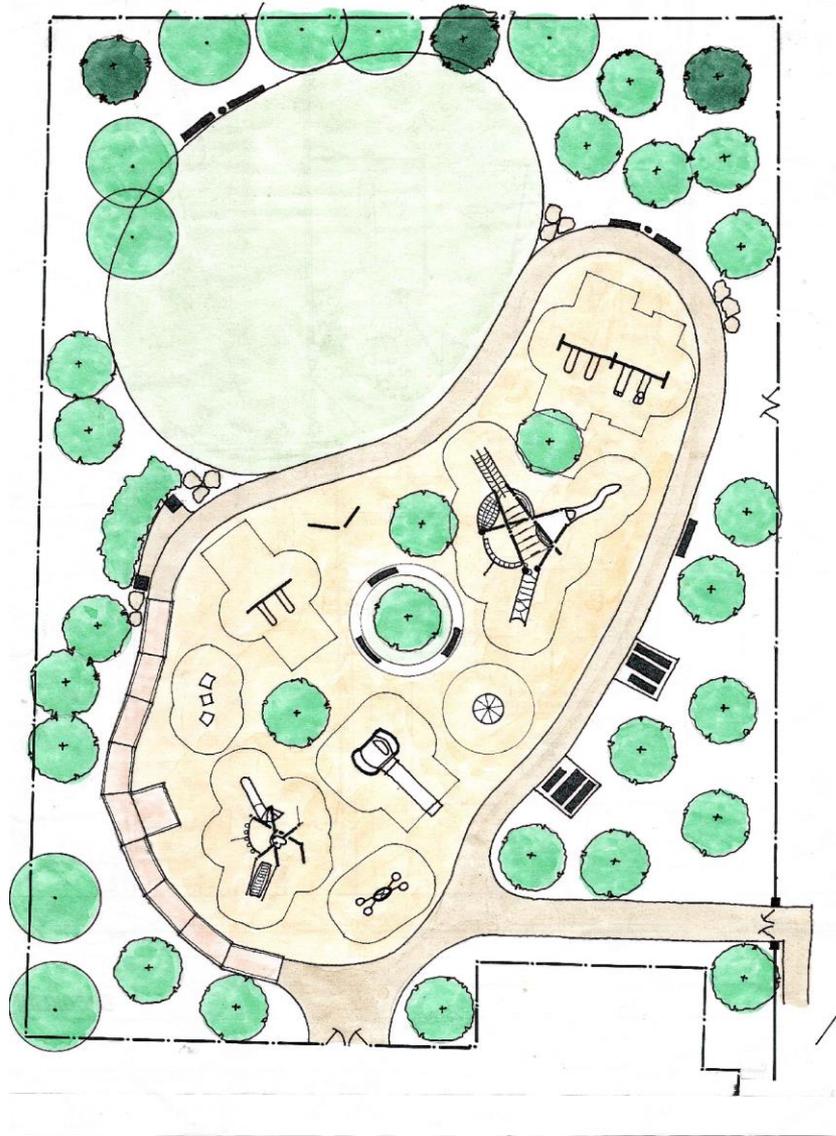
Institute a family of furniture that accommodates accessibility and multi-generational use. Provide for a variety of social interactions, and consider furniture that moves or can be moved, as well as furniture scaled for children.

Overall Improvements Plan



Preliminary Overall Budget (\$870,000)

Playground Improvements



Swinging

- 4 swings, 2 bays



- Seagull Swing



Rocking

- 4-seater



- Rocking Tubes



Gathering



Gathering/Spinning



Balancing



Manipulating



Play Spaces Underneath



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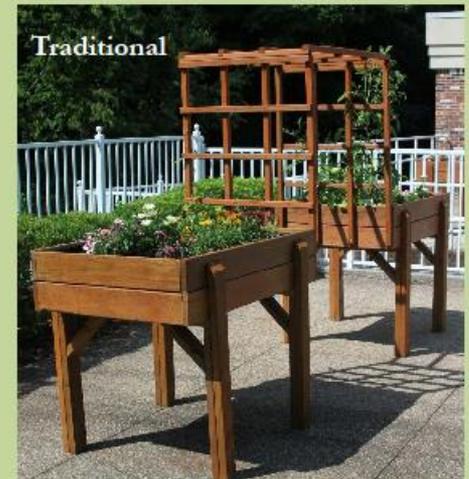
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Natural Play



Pick Plants and Play Tables

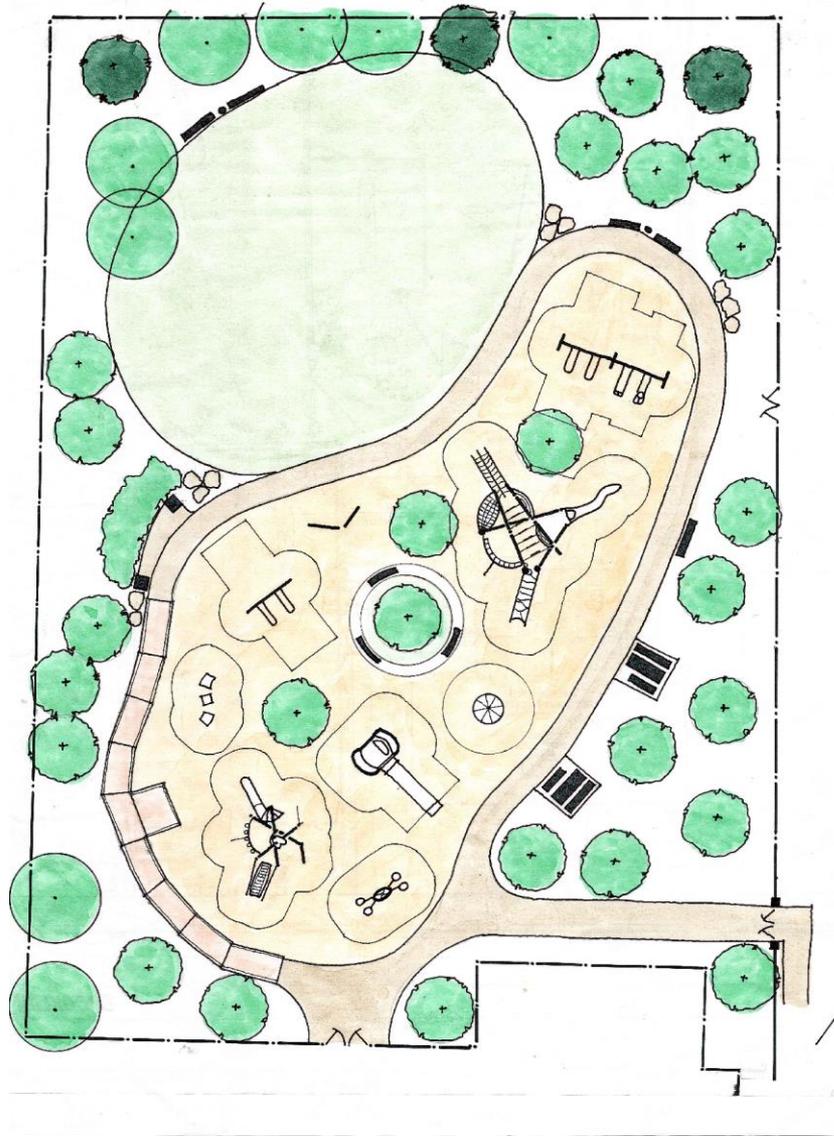


Imaginative Play

- Sloping boardwalk with overlook elevated at 2 feet above grade (would include low safety edging)



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