

Sharon Commission on Disabilities (CoD)
Monthly meeting: February 23, 2023
Location: Zoom

Called to order: 7:01 pm.

Attendance: Susan Myerson, James Newton, Paul Remy, Geila Aaronson, Todd Arnold, Lois Diamond, Liaison – Select Board member Hannah Switelkowski (came at 7:30)

Absent: Susan Friedman

I. Minutes: November minutes were approved

II. Chris Blessen - Lead Architect from Consigli. Various topics were discussed regarding the high school:

- A. Entryway doors – still to be completed when front of HS is fully completed which will aid with access.
- B. SharonTV entrance should have an actuator button.
- C. Front door handicapped opening button should have better signage and be in braille.
- D. Handicapped Parking will be more clearly marked when new parking lot is complete
- E. Security by handicapped entrance/exit for dismissal and arrival always has a staff member there.

III. Treasurer's Report

General Fund: \$500
Revolving (Ticket) Fund: \$16,698.17
Donations: \$1327.97

IV. Gail Ader, Executive Director of the Cooperative Learning Community, requested funding assistance from the Commission for seating alternatives and playground equipment as follows:

2 Howda Hugs Chairs @\$98 each. Total cost: \$196 <https://howda.com/shop-howda/shop-for-hugs/howdahugs/>

2 Kids Core Wobble Chairs @ \$65 each: total cost \$130
<https://www.kaplanco.com/product/142331-BL/kids-kore-antimicrobial-wobble-chair-12-inch-blue>

Total cost for seating alternatives: \$326

Playground Equipment:

1 Beginner's Basketball Portable Hoop \$219

<https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/search/products?Ntt=basketball%20hoop>

2 Spin and Slide Spooner Board \$44.99 each, total cost: \$89.98

<https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/products/active-play/balance-coordination/spin-slide-spoonersup-sup-board/p/BC681>

1 Set of Liquid Floor tiles

\$179.00 <https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/search/products?Ntt=sensory%20tiles>

Total cost playground equipment: \$487.98

Total cost all equipment: \$813.98

Question to be answer is can the COD give to a private organization? James to check with Town Hall/Melissa Imbaro

V. One book, one town! Author Brendan Slocumb, "The Violin Conspiracy," to appear in Sharon April 29th at the Middle School.

VI. Leslie Krieger Scholarship information – applications to be solicited.

VII. Recruiting new members – Age, residency limitations? Hannah S. to check.

VIII. Meet in person next month? Hannah going to check

VII. Open Meeting Law and Public Records Request Information: Town Clerk Mark Hogan wants us to review the *Open Meeting Law and Public Records Request Information*.

VIII. Article for the View – Paul to write an article with Paul. (Additional note 2.23.23: James did not get this done in time for this month's View.)

IX. Hannah emailed Chief Coffey to attend March meeting.

Next Meeting: March 23thrd, 2023 at 7 pm.

Adjournment 8:00 pm.