

## Memorandum

To: MPL Board of Trustees  
From: Kristin Stoeger, Library Director  
Re: Community play area on north Library lawn  
Date: July 18, 2019

Upon approval of Committee of the Whole and Mayor, they would like to divert \$50,000 from park improvements to Manitowoc Public Library for the creation of an outdoor play area on the north lawn off Quay Street. With the increased activity and special events downtown, they feel this area will be a great investment for children and families. At this point, I am looking for initial discussion and approval to pursue this possibility. I think it would be a great addition and attraction for our youngest patrons. Here are some of the initial ideas being explored:

- Design
  - Linear and serpentine to allow flexibility of space
  - Turf would be a great option and is ADA compliant
  - Would be great to have some seating areas
  - Have contemplative reflection areas
- Need to have space for 400 people in the outdoor of library for animal, music and nature programs

At this time, here is the tentative timeline being brainstormed:

- July-August 2019: Initial exploration of possibilities with community development, parks and library personnel
- September 2019: final plan developed and submitted for Library Board approval
- October 2019: Sign placed on site forecasting future addition
- April/May 2020: Implementation of activity area
- June 2020: ribbon cutting in conjunction with SRP kickoff

Thank you for your consideration.