

**Friends of Kids Castle - Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 24, 2022 - 12:30pm**

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**In Attendance:** Joe Salvati, Chairperson; Dave Tomko, Director of Operations; Stephanie Mason, Township Manager; Aaron D. Walizer, Assistant Township Manager; Karen Sweeney, Director of Parks and Recreations; Chris Mason, Parks Superintendent.

**Welcome and Call to Order:** Mr. Salvati welcomed all in attendance and the meeting started promptly at 12:30pm.

**New Business**

**Potential Date to Reopen Kids Castle:** Now that the most recent 2021 Kids Castle improvement project has been completed, Mr. Salvati asked what additional items remain to be completed to achieve a reopening of the Kids Castle Playground. Mr. Tomko in tandem with Mr. Chris Mason described the various items that remain to be completed within the Castle itself, in the playground area, and other items around the outside perimeter of the playground that need completing before the reopening of Kids Castle can be achieved. While all acknowledged that inclement weather conditions would extend the amount of time needed to complete the unfinished items, everyone was focused on achieving a safe and swift reopening. A general completion date for the end of February 2022 or early March was estimated for reopening. Mr. Tomko said that a specific target date would be given when we get closer to completing all remaining items. Additionally, other items to complete that are part of ongoing Kids Castle maintenance were discussed. These items will have no bearing on the reopening date and can be completed after the playground has reopened.

**Reopening Publicity:** Mr. Salvati said that he would coordinate with Mr. Walizer and provide him with the various graphics needed that would accompany the reopening publicity. Once a reopening date is established, all agreed that we would follow the digital media deployment procedures that worked successfully for previous Kids Castle reopening dates.

**Adjournment**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

**The next scheduled meeting** of the Friends of Kids Castle is on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 12:30pm.

Minutes taken by and respectfully submitted by Joe Salvati.