

ADA Playground Advisory Committee

Hoopeston, Illinois

Initial Planning Meeting Agenda

City of Hoopeston

Date: Monday, July 27, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: City Hall

1. Call to Order

- Welcome and introductions
- Brief overview of committee purpose

2. Review of Committee Mission

- Discussion of the committee's intended purpose:
- Inclusive recreation opportunities
- ADA accessibility
- Sensory and neurodivergent inclusion
- Community impact and long-term vision

3. Review of Existing Notes and Research

- Summary of previous planning efforts
- Existing grant research
- Community letters/support already gathered
- Review of potential features and priorities
- Discussion of previous North Side Park considerations
- Recognition of work already completed by committee members and community contributors

4. Discussion of Proposed Playground Location

- Current discussion regarding McFerren Park proposal
- Advantages/challenges of proposed location
- Accessibility considerations
- Parking and visibility
- Long-term expansion possibilities
- Determine whether the committee should formally recommend a preferred location moving forward

5. Define Phase 1 Project Scope

- Discuss and prioritize realistic first-phase goals, such as:
- Inclusive playground equipment
- ADA surfacing
- Fencing/safety
- Accessible pathways
- Parent seating/shade
- Sensory-friendly features
- Communication board/signage
- Goal: Establish a focused and achievable initial vision

6. Funding and Grant Discussion

- Review potential grant opportunities
- Discuss fundraising possibilities
- Determine city involvement and approval process
- Clarify how donations/funds would be managed

7. Committee Roles and Responsibilities

- Discuss possible areas of responsibility:
- Grant coordination
- Community outreach
- Business sponsorships
- Public awareness/social media
- Accessibility consultation
- City/council communication

8. Immediate Action Items

- Determine next steps before the next meeting:
- Information gathering
- Site visits
- Preliminary estimates
- Community input/surveys
- Contacting vendors or playground companies
- Assign responsibilities and tentative deadlines

9. Schedule Next Meeting

- Set tentative date, time, and location

10. Adjournment