

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB INSTALLING NEW PLAYGROUND



PHOTO SHOWING THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT TO BE PLACED AT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB FAIRGROUNDS.

May 31, 2018

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Nearly a year ago, Phillip Konopka, Extension Agent Agriculture and Natural Resources of the Lewis County Extension Office, approached the Tollesboro Lions Club about a Playground Project Grant offered through the Lewis County Extension Office. In order to accommodate Mr. Konopka's schedule, a Special Meeting was called of the Tollesboro Lions Club. Attending the meeting were 16 members of the club, a significant majority, including most of the officers. At the meeting, Mr. Konopka made a presentation relative to a grant offered through the Lewis County Extension Office made available through the Center for Disease Control and Prevention asking for a commitment towards making playground space available in Lewis Co., Ky, However to proceed, the Club would need to act soon as the deadline was approaching for submission of the grant application. The ultimate goal of the project is to provide a playground to be utilized by young children in the area so as to encourage them to get outside and exercise and thus curb obesity and wean them away from time spent playing video games on televisions/ computers/cellular phones, and as such, the CDC had made money available to encourage creation of nice playgrounds (not just a swing and a slide) to make the playgrounds appealing.

Mr. Konopka passed out photos of playground equipment that could be provided by the grant, and inquired as to whether the Tollesboro Lions Club would be interested in providing space for installation of said equipment and to make the equipment available to use by the public AND to commit to the costs of installation. The grant for the playground equipment was approximately \$30,000, however this was only the cost of the playground equipment. The cost to install would be significant and would require significant concrete for proper anchoring and he did not know how much the installation costs could be or whether installation would be something that the Club

membership could do on their own. However, in order to proceed, he would need a commitment from the Club not only accepting the equipment and a commitment to permit an area of our grounds to be utilized by the public for use of the equipment (the Club does have the right to restrict use to certain hours of the day and limit use during the fair), but also to commit to the significant - albeit unknown - cost of installation. He would need a commitment letter signed by the Club President whereby the Tollesboro Lions Club would accept the equipment and agree to provide for a place where the equipment could be used by the public, as well as agreeing to provide for all costs relative to installation and maintenance, fence, and mulch.

Knowing that this project and commitment would provide a health benefit to the local population and always trying to make positive improvements in the lives of others, and having made and continuing to make significant improvements to the Tollesboro Community Park/Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds, and aware that this equipment should last for years and years and as such would continue to provide for an excellent use of club resources, a motion was made and seconded by members of the Tollesboro Lions Club immediately following the presentation, approved unanimously that very evening to approve the project and authorizing the provision of a letter by the Club President to commit to the project (which was done the very next day). By the time that the equipment started to arrive, it was too late in the year to begin installation. Also, when the playground equipment began to arrive, it became very evident that the installation was NOT something that the Lions Club members could do on their own, particularly considering that the equipment would be used by children and that the Club would want to insure proper installation to comply with all installation specifications and to insure the safety of future users, and that the installation costs would be significant, significantly higher than what the club projected (however the Club would have taken on the project regardless, for the betterment of our community and in order to improve the health and welfare of our local populace). Therefore, as summer approaches and hopefully the majority of a very wet spring passes, and in hopes of having the equipment installed prior to the Tollesboro Lions Club 61st Annual Fair (the 61st Annual Tollesboro Lions Club Fair will be held July 13th through July 21st, 2018), the Tollesboro Lions Club has contracted with National Playground Construction (the company that sold the playground equipment) to install said equipment, at a cost of nearly \$15,000 (this cost excludes the costs of mulch and site-preparation. It also excludes the costs of a concrete pad for the Shade Structure as well as the cost of chainlink fencing around the playground, which will make the total project cost approximately \$55,000!!!

The playground equipment will include a Play Smart 10 Structure (this piece of playground equipment is a large component that cost nearly 1/2 of the grant monies offered by the CDC and includes a variety of exercising equipment - 10 items - that is intended to work the muscles. Included on this one component are 3 slides, stairs, rock climbing wall, overhead ladder and more. Portions of this piece of equipment are ADA compliant); a 4 Seat Bouncing See Saw; a 3 Bay Commercial Swing Set; a 2 Bay ADA Swing Set (this is a handicapped accessible swing compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act, and includes a swing that will accommodate a wheelchair); 8' Toddler T-Swing Set; a Geo-Dome Climber; and a 4 Post Superior Shade (24' x 30', 8' eave height,

basically a shaded picnic shelter which is to be provided with picnic benches and trash cans that can provide for an area for adults to relax while watching their children use the playground equipment as well as an area where the family can eat healthy snacks and drinks so as to stay hydrated and under shade when necessary on hot days, as well as providing respite between showers on other days). The playground will be placed near the former location of a small outdated playground that consisted only of swingsets and a slide which was located near the KY 10 entrance to the fairgrounds.

UPON COMPLETION of the Installation, the Club will arrange a ribbon cutting and small opening ceremony.

NOTE: The Lewis County Extension Office acquired two CDC grants for purchase of identical playground equipment in Lewis County, Kentucky. The second playground will be installed at Garrison and thus Garrison should have a somewhat identical playground area for the youth of that community to enjoy in the near future.

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB
TOLLESBORO, KENTUCKY 41189

2017 Officers President Craig A. Stanfield, Secretary Phil Cropper, Treasurer Steve Pedersen

The Tollesboro Lions Club met in a Special Meeting at the Tollesboro Lions Club clubhouse in Tollesboro, Lewis County, Kentucky at 7:00 pm on the 19th day of June, 2017. As this was a called or special meeting, the president and past president contacted a minimum of 22 members of the club to inform them of the meeting, indicating that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss a playground equipment grant. Attending the meeting were 16 members (being a majority/quorum of the club membership) and one guest, the guest present being Phillip Konopka, Lewis County Extension Office, present to discuss the playground equipment grant.

Mr. Konopka presented the club with an opportunity to apply for an approximately \$30,000 grant for playground equipment through a local program --- at no cost to the Tollesboro Lions Club. The equipment would include items for use of persons of all ages, and be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant, including a wheelchair swing. All the club would have to do to receive the playground equipment is to agree to support the program, to provide for an area in which to set up the playground equipment, to be responsible for the erection (which will include some concrete and other site preparation expense, the cost of which shall be the responsibility of the club) of the playground equipment, and to permit the public at large to use the equipment. A motion was made and seconded that the Tollesboro Lions Club support and approve the project, further permitting Lions Club President Craig A. Stanfield to issue and sign a letter approving and supporting the project, including that the club would provide an area for placement as well as providing for setting up the equipment. Motion passed unanimously.

Therefore, in accordance with the motion described above, I, Craig A. Stanfield, as the 2017 President of the Tollesboro Lions Club, do acknowledge and support the playground equipment grant.

Sincerely,



CRAIG A. STANFIELD

2017 PRESIDENT

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

June 21, 2017

NPC NATIONAL PLAYGROUND CONSTRUCTION

PROPOSAL

Proposal #: 80936
Sales Person: Rick Watson
Date Created: 04/03/2018
Date Modified: 04/04/2018

Bill To:

Tollsboro Lions Club
 Lions Club Rd
 Tollsboro, KY 41189

Ship To:

Tollsboro Lions Club
 Lions Club Park / Off Hampton Rd
 Tollsboro, KY 41189

Qty	Product	Price	Total
1	 <p>Installation Installation Certified installation by professional playground installers of equipment listed at the address shown on this proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Includes assembly / installation of equipment only at job site - This price does not include uninstalling / demo / removal / disposal of existing equipment or safety surfacing materials - unless specified on a separate line item of this proposal. - This price does not include site preparation. The site must be level, accessible and free of underground obstacles. Additional charges apply for any installation not on grass or grade fill dirt - This price excludes core drilling or cutting concrete or asphalt - The customer is responsible for marking all underground utilities - The price on this line item specifically excludes permitting fees. Permitting is the responsibility of the customer - The price on this line item excludes site security during installation - The price on this line item specifically excludes disposal of packing materials. If sufficiently large trash cans/dumpsters are provided, NPC will place the trash in those containers. If trash cans/dumpsters are not provided, one can be ordered at an additional charge listed separately on this proposal - Price excludes prevailing wage or other premium labor requirements - NPC specifically excludes installation of tree protection fencing or other measures. The customer acknowledges that work within drip lines of existing trees may result in damage or death of existing trees. This proposal specifically excludes remediation or replacement of any landscaping material in or around the playground. NPC shall not be responsible to remove existing trees, limbs, roots etc. 	\$14,615.00	\$14,615.00

****Equipment included****

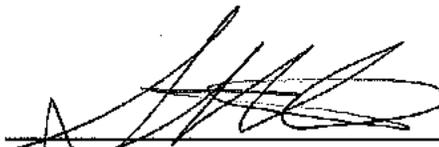
Play Smart 10 Structure
 4 Seat Bouncing See Saw
 3 Bay Commercial Swing Set
 2 Bay ADA Swing Set
 8' Toddler T-Swing Set
 Geo Dome Climber
 4 Post Superior Shade (24' x 30' x 8' entry height)

POC: Steve Pedersen, +16053011904, e-mail: steve.pedersen@jrjnet.com

Sub Total:	\$14,615.00
Sales Tax:	\$0.00
Shipping:	\$0.00
Total:	\$14,615.00

NPC is a national partner of BYO Recreation & Teachers' School Supply. The company was formed by the owners of BYO Recreation & Teachers' School Supply to manage their customer's growing installation needs. NPC installers are certified professionals and have collectively completed thousands of projects nationwide.

Thank you for the opportunity!

To accept this proposal, sign, date and return:  5-31-18

Full Company name (with entity): Tallahassee Lions Club

Printed name: Steven Pedersen Title: President / Treasurer Date: 5-31-18

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB HOSTS "WORK NIGHT" FOR INSTALLATION OF FILTER FABRIC AND RUBBER MULCH FOR NEW PLAYGROUND

AUG. 14, 2018



Sixteen Members of the Tollesboro Lions Club met Monday Aug. 13th for a "Work Night" to begin installation of filter fabric and rubber mulch for the newly installed playground located at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds Community Park. The actual installation of the playground equipment was more than the Tollesboro Lions Club could handle, thus the Tollesboro Lions Club contracted with a professional installation company at a cost of \$14,615 (the does not include the cost of the filter fabric, the rubber mulch, or the playground equipment). The Lewis County Farm Bureau has graciously reimbursed the Tollesboro Lions Club \$15,000 to reimburse the Club for the cost of installation of the playground equipment. The playground equipment was provided by a grant obtained by the Lewis County Extension Office through the Center for Disease Control to encourage kids to exercise and play outdoors rather than inside on video games and is a first class playground setup (the grant was for approximately \$35,000!!! A duplicate playground was also provided by an identical grant to be placed in Garrison); portions of the playground equipment are ADA compliant, handicapped accessible, and includes a wheelchair swing suited to use even by adults. It will be necessary to pour concrete for the shade shelter structure and the handicapped accessible wheelchair swing before the playground is completed (the costs of concrete slabs will be just over \$3,100 and the cost of rubber mulch was in excess of \$5,000 (installation is scheduled for Aug. 21, 2018). The Tollesboro Lions Club is proud to add this first class playground to the site improvements at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds/Community Park and hopes that it will be enjoyed by area youth for years to come. A dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting will be held in the near future.

TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB TO HOST NEW PLAYGROUND
RIBBON CUTTING/GRAND OPENING EVENT



The Tollesboro Lions Club, proud of the recent installation of the NEW PLAYGROUND installed on the grounds of the Tollesboro Lions Club Community Park, will host a Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening Ceremony on the grounds on Friday, October 5th, 2018 at 5:00 PM. In cooperation with the Lewis County Health Department, food and t-shirts will be given away to mark the event. The public is invited to attend!

The new playground has ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) approved features to provide for exercising, including an adult-rated wheelchair swing. The total investment of the new playground (including the equipment, installation, site preparation, mulch, filter fabric) was approximately \$60,000! In addition to the playground, the Tollesboro Lions Club Community Park offers a blacktopped walking track and a basketball court to offer persons of all ages the opportunity to exercise to improve their fitness and health.

The Tollesboro Lions Club would like to thank the Lewis County Health Department, the Lewis County Extension Agency, the Lewis County Farm Bureau, Carmeuse Lime, Kenny Meadows and Kenton Meadows (Meadows Excavating), The Center for Disease Control, County Judge Todd Ruckel, the board and staff of the Buffalo Trace Area Development District and the BTADD Revolving Loan Fund committee, and everyone who aided in acquiring grants and helping to aid in the installation, acquisition, and setup of the playground equipment, including our dedicated Tollesboro Lions Club members. We have been truly fortunate as a small club to be blessed with so many supporters in our community. The membership of the Tollesboro Lions Club -- both past and present --- has always been aware that we could not accomplish what we have in the past 64 years of our existence without the AID OFFERED BY OUR COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEERS, LOCAL BUSINESSES, OUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, ELECTED OFFICIALS, and FINANCIAL BACKERS THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. We take this opportunity to thank everyone who has ever offered support to any of our ventures, fair and non-fair events, and the fairgrounds!

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY & PLAYGROUND
GRAND-OPENING AT TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB

OCT. 6, 2018

The TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB celebrated the recent completion of the new playground at the Tollesboro Lions Club Fairgrounds Friday, Oct. 5, 2018 at a ribbon cutting ceremony. While storm clouds gathered overhead, the rains held off, allowing for the ribbon cutting ceremony to proceed as planned and permitting the crowd to enjoy a supper under the Pavilion, with rains arriving later in the evening after the event was concluded!

The event was well attended, with at least 65 persons, possibly 70 or more, in attendance. Attendees included Rocky Adkins (Ky House of Representatives, Minority Floor Leader), Michelle Keller (Justice Kentucky State Supreme Court), Kentucky Lions Club District 43-Y District Governor Mary Wethington, County Judge Executive Todd Ruckel, Lewis County Sheriff Johnny Bivens, Lewis County Magistrate District 1 Terri Thomas, Members of the Lewis County Farm Bureau Board of Directors: Jim Meadows, Chairman (owner of Rip's Feed Mill, a great supporter, as well as a member, of the Tollesboro Lions Club), Philip Stamm, Rex Elam, Kathy Dillow (also a member of the Buffalo Trace Area Development District Board of Directors representing Lewis Co.), Jr. Walker, and Dwight Malone; Lewis Co. Extension Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources Philip Konopka; Lewis County Health Department Director Anita Bertram; Buffalo Trace Area Development District Executive Director Amy Kennedy and Loan Officer Amanda Ruark, as well as Craig Stanfield (Past Chair BTADD, current member Board of Directors and Executive Committee representing Lewis Co as a Citizen Member, also Chair of the BTADD Revolving Loan Fund, as well as a member of the Tollesboro Lions Club, Immediate Past President, current LCIF Coordinator and Marketing Communications Chairman); Buffalo Trace Revolving Loan Fund Board Member Buddy Gallenstein (also a member of the Executive Committee BTADD RLF Board, representing Mason Co.); Lisa Wellman representing Carmeuse Lime; Meadows Excavating represented by Kenny Meadows and Kenton Meadows; and the

following Tollesboro Lions Club members: Steve Pedersen (current Club President and Club Service Chairman), Clinton Applegate (current Zone Chairman and current Club Membership Chair), Lee Thomas (current Club First Vice President), Anthony Wellman (current Club Second Vice President), Phil Cropper (current Club Secretary), Brad Schultz (current Club Treasurer), Mark Conrad, David Hampton, Paul Hampton, James Harris, Charlie Kendall, Terrell McCall, Daymond Thomas, and Larry Tucker. Also in attendance were a number of spouses of the Lions Club members, as well as members of the public at large, including a number of parents with their children making use of the playground facility.



The celebration opened with introductions of Special Guests and Dignitaries by Lion Craig A. Stanfield, followed by a few words by Lions Club President Steven Pedersen. Steve informed the public of just what went into the project, a project that has cost approximately \$65,000!!!

Lion Pedersen then introduced District Governor of Lions Club District 43Y to speak. After a few words, KY State Representative/Minority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins spoke, followed by Justice Michelle Keller and County Judge Todd Ruckel. Then the crowd assembled for the actual ribbon cutting ceremony, scissors operated by Lion District Governor Mary Wethington, with photos taken. This was followed by the crowd proceeding to the Pavilion where they were treated to pork tenderloin sandwiches, hamburgers/cheeseburgers, hotdogs/chili-dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks (at no cost), and t-shirts proclaiming "Walk With A Lion" were provided by the Lewis Co. Health Department to those in attendance.



Photo above left shows Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Michele Keller Addressing Crowd. Photo above right shows State Representative Rocky Adkins addressing crowd. To right in each photo is Lion Club President Steven Pedersen and Lions Club District 43-Y District Governor Mary Wethington.



Photo above left shows Lewis County Judge Executive Todd Ruckel addressing crowd. Photo above right shows the “WALK WITH A LION” t-shirt design, t-shirts sponsored and given away by the Lewis County Health Department. Photo below shows the new playground, as complete, including two additional benches on concrete pads and the new concrete curbing installed to prohibit future damage to mulch by prohibiting wash-outs during heavy rains.



ABOUT THE TOLLESBORO LIONS CLUB PLAYGROUND

The playground was first brought up to the Tollesboro Lions Club by a Special Called meeting when the Club was first approached in the fall of 2017 by Philip Konopka of the Extension Office to determine whether the Club would be willing to take on the project as an approximate \$30,000 grant was available to acquire the playground equipment through a grant through the Center for Disease Control in order to fight childhood obesity and get kids outside playing and exercising in the outdoors on the playground equipment rather than only exercising their thumbs playing video games. The playground grant was for in excess of \$30,000 (picnic tables and trash cans were added to the final total to increase the cost to basically \$35,000).

Almost blind, with no idea of what the costs to complete such a project might be, the Club unanimously agreed to support the project, thinking that we as a Club could erect the equipment in a weekend at little or no cost to the club except for some concrete to anchor the equipment in the ground. Authorization was granted by the Club for the President to sign a binder taking on the project. A few days later, the Club was informed that the grant was approved, obligating the Club to proceed.

Months later, as load after load and pallet after pallet of equipment began to arrive, it became quickly evident that this WAS NOT a weekend installation project at all. Also as the equipment was to be used by children, the membership of the Club would not feel comfortable installing the equipment on their own, as no member of the Club would be able to sleep at night if a child were injured due to an incorrect installation. Thus, it was decided to ask for bids for installation.

When the first bids came in at over \$17,000, we knew we bit off more than we could chew. We finally had an installation bid of \$14,615, still a large number, but knowing that the children of our community were worth it, we determined to look into financing the installation of not only the playground, but also for replacement construction of a chain-link fence along portions of our north boundary. We got a big surprise AGAIN when fence installation bids came in at over \$17,000!!! Still we persevered. We had some money to put into the project, but not enough. So we contacted the Buffalo Trace Area Development District to look into a loan through their Revolving Loan Fund, a fund we had tapped before and with which we were still making loan payments. The Club asked for and was approved for a loan of \$24,000. Once we began construction, it became evident that we were going to need every dime, as these costs did not include concrete necessary to permit use of the handicapped accessible wheelchair swing (another \$3,000+) or for rubber mulch (another \$5,000+) and thinking to ourselves, "we'll just have to dip into our

reserves and profits from our fair and hope for the best". Then the Lewis County Farm Bureau came to our aid, offering a \$15,000 grant to cover the installation costs of the playground! Then Carmeuse offered 100 tons of gravel to allow for parking. Then Kenny Meadows and Kenton Meadows informed the Club that they were donating the costs of the work they had performed to grade the site and make necessary preparations for the installation. Then Tony Hardesty donated two additional benches. AND, we thought to ourselves, we have it covered, we have it done. And we had a work night with 16 members of the Club coming together to install the rubber mulch. HURRAY! Only to have rain after rain after rain, inch after inch after inch, hit us (and everyone else too) and wash away some of the rubber mulch. So, back to the drawing board; so, we ordered more rubber mulch (I don't even know how much this cost), and we are still ordering more (to be installed very soon!). And to keep the water from washing it away, we decided it was necessary to build a concrete curb to shed the water away from the playground (another \$2,000!). But we were so close to finishing, and were able to handle these added expenses on our own and be done with it! Yes, we have some debt to repay. But we have a first class playground, a playground that we are proud of, and which we hope our community will appreciate, use and protect. A playground for future generations to enjoy for years and years to come!

The playground equipment includes a Play Smart 10 Structure (this piece of playground equipment is a large component that cost nearly 1/2 of the grant monies offered by the CDC and includes a variety of exercising equipment that is intended to work many different muscles and muscle groups. Included on this one piece of equipment are 10 components including 3 slides, stairs, rock climbing wall, overhead ladder and more. Portions of this piece of equipment are ADA compliant); a 4 Seat Bouncing See Saw; a 3 Bay Commercial Swing Set; a 2 Bay ADA Swing Set (this is a handicapped accessible swing compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act, and includes a swing that will accommodate a wheelchair); 8' Toddler T-Swing Set; a Geo-Dome Climber; and a 4 Post Superior Shade (24' x 30', 8' entry height, basically a shaded picnic shelter) as well as picnic tables, benches, and trash cans. This is provided as an area for adults to relax while watching their children use the playground equipment as well as an area where the family can eat healthy snacks and drinks so as to stay hydrated and under shade when necessary on hot days, as well as providing respite between showers on rainy days. This structure also has already seen use for birthday parties for kids while enjoying the playground with their friends and family. The playground is located near the former location of a small outdated playground that consisted only of swing-sets and a slide, located near the KY 10 entrance to the fairgrounds.