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Memorandum

TO: Capital Sub Committee
Linus Guillory
Sam Rippin

FROM: Matthew J. Gillis, Director of Operations & Facilities 

RE: **Vote to Accept- Gaga Pit (Playground Equipment) Gift to the Baker School**

DATE: October 18, 2021

CC: Torrence Lewis, Baker Principal
Alexandra Vecchio, DPW, Director of Parks & Open Space
Mike Bartlett, DPW, Operations Manager for Parks & Open Space

In accord with MGL Ch 44, Section 53A, the School Committee has to vote to accept gifts from individuals and organizations.

Proposed Gift

Michael Levy, M.D., Ph.D, is a Baker parent who very generously offered to donate a new Gaga Pit to the Baker School playground. The Building Principal, the DPW Director Parks and Open Space, and I all support accepting this gift as it will be fun and welcome addition to the playground. The DPW can oversee the installation and add this item to its maintenance list, and Principal supports the supervision that comes with a new and popular piece of playground equipment

We have a Gaga pit at the Baker and Heath Schools, both were gifts, and I believe previously accepted by the School Committee. The check has been sent, and the purchase order will proceed with a vote to accept the gift by the School Committee.

Recommended Motion to Accept

“Move to approve the acceptance of a new Gaga Pit for the Baker School Playground very generously donated by Dr. Michael Levy.”

Supporting documentation and details are attached for your reference. The price quote of \$5,117.72 is amount Dr. Levy has donated via check to be deposited post formal acceptance by the School Committee.

Coach Cliff's Gaga Ball Pits LLC

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Estimate

ADDRESS

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Mike Bartlett
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SHIP TO

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Attn: Mike Bartlett
617.879.5654

ESTIMATE # 18071

DATE 10/05/2021

EXPIRATION DATE 11/05/2021

SHIP VIA

FEG & LTLx2

P.O. NUMBER

Mike B

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QTY	SKU	DESCRIPTION	RATE	AMOUNT
		** For Baker School **		
1	00830-GRN	OCTAGON 30H - HUNTER GREEN Gaga Ball Pit Bracket System: 8-Oct 30H brackets, Template, Assembly Instructions, Fastener Pack and Cut-Out templates and instructions Includes the current 25% surcharge on steel.	650.00	650.00T
24	T1-BLK-210-8	2x10x8 Tier 1 (Black) Structural Composite. As of 06.30.2021, a 20% surcharge has been added due to significant cost increases in raw material (resin).	79.68	1,912.32T
24	090-FHD	Factory Hole Drilling per Structural Composite board to attach to corner brackets	3.75	90.00T
1	T1-BLK-CO	5/4x6x8 Tier 1 (Black) Structural Composite for Cut-Out Opening. As of 06.30.2021, a 20% surcharge has been added due to significant cost increases in raw material (resin).	35.40	35.40T
1	033024	24'x24' area, 24 piece set of 6'x4'x5/8" Rubber Tile for Oct 30H using 8ft Includes the current 14% surcharge on rubber.	1,368.00	1,368.00T
1		Estimated ship cost is valid for 30 days. May vary if shipping address or order items are changed: - FEG for Brackets = \$93 - LTL Freight for Structural Composite = \$344 - LTL Freight for Rubber Tiles = \$625	1,062.00	1,062.00

Due to material shortages and increases in raw material cost, surcharges have been applied to steel, plastic resin and rubber components where applicable. For more information visit www.gagaballpits.com

SUBTOTAL	5,117.72
TAX (0%)	0.00
TOTAL	\$5,117.72

The terms set forth at <https://www.gagaballpits.com> supersede all prior statements or understandings, whether oral or written, with regard to the purchase of goods and services from Coach Cliff's Gaga Ball Pits LLC and are incorporated by reference into the estimate and control over any inconsistent terms in your purchase order or other acceptance.



Matt Gillis <matt_gillis@psbma.org>

RE: Gaga Pit

1 message

Alexandra Vecchio <avecchio@brooklinema.gov>

Fri, Oct 8, 2021 at 1:36 PM

To: "Levy, Michael,M.D.,Ph.D." <MLEVY11@mgh.harvard.edu>, Michael Bartlett <mbartlett@brooklinema.gov>, Torrence Lewis_Baker School <torrance_lewis@psbma.org>, Matt Gillis <Matt_Gillis@psbma.org>

Hi Dr. Levy –

Thank you for your generosity. Since the Parks & Open Space Division will be placing the order, you can send the check to my attention. You can make the check payable to 'Town of Brookline.'

Many thanks

Alexandra

Alexandra Vecchio (*she/her/hers*)

Director of Parks and Open Space

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**From:** Levy, Michael,M.D.,Ph.D. <MLEVY11@mgh.harvard.edu>**Sent:** Friday, October 8, 2021 10:44 AM**To:** Michael Bartlett <mbartlett@brooklinema.gov>; Torrence Lewis_Baker School <torrance_lewis@psbma.org>; Alexandra Vecchio <avecchio@brooklinema.gov>; Matt Gillis <Matt_Gillis@psbma.org>**Subject:** Re: Gaga Pit

Works for me. Who shall I make the check out to?



Matt Gillis <matt_gillis@psbma.org>

Fwd: Donation for gaga ball pit to Baker

1 message

Torrance Lewis <torrance_lewis@psbma.org>
To: Matt Gillis <matt_gillis@psbma.org>

Hi Matt,

This is my official "go ahead and get started" email that you requested regarding the Gaga Ball Pit. We are excited about this extra resource at Baker.

Regarding the sunlight - I think it will be ok.

What I would like to have done: Trim the tree branches so that they do not shadow the Gaga Ball Pit and eliminate the extra shade.

Respectfully,
-Torrance

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Levy, Michael, M.D., Ph.D. <MLEVY11@mgh.harvard.edu>
Date: Wed, Sep 29, 2021 at 7:52 AM
Subject: Re: Donation for gaga ball pit to Baker
To: Torrance Lewis <torrance_lewis@psbma.org>, Alexandra Vecchio <avecchio@brooklinema.gov>
Cc: Erin Gallentine <egallentine@brooklinema.gov>, Robin Coyne <robin_coyne@psbma.org>, Betsy Fitzpatrick <Betsy_Fitzpatrick@psbma.org>, Matt Gillis <Matt_Gillis@psbma.org>, Mic

Works for me. See you all Friday morning.

Michael Levy, MD, PhD

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From: Torrance Lewis <torrance_lewis@psbma.org>
Date: Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 9:53 PM
To: Alexandra Vecchio <avecchio@brooklinema.gov>
Cc: Erin Gallentine <egallentine@brooklinema.gov>, Levy, Michael, M.D., Ph.D. <MLEVY11@mgh.harvard.edu>, Robin Coyne <robin_coyne@psbma.org>
Subject: Re: Donation for gaga ball pit to Baker

External Email - Use Caution

Hello Alexandra, Michael, Michael, and Matt:

Thank you for the responses. Let's meet Friday, October 1 at 8:15am at Baker. If an 8:30am start time is better, let me know.

I will send out a calendar invite reminder.

Respectfully,
-Torrance

On Mon, Sep 20, 2021 at 3:42 PM Alexandra Vecchio <avecchio@brooklinema.gov> wrote:

Hi all -

Could we find a time to meet on site next week? I am available on Thursday at 2pm or Friday anytime. If we could meet before 3pm so that my Operations Manager (Mike Bartlett) is able to