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Memo to the Board of Selectman:

Upon recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission, we ask for your permission to reallocate the ARPA funds that are currently allocated for a splash pad, to be used instead to redesign and install a new Ballantine Park playground. The Parks and Rec Commission's goal is to have a more inclusive playground so that all residents, regardless of ability, can have a playground they can use.

The playground is only about 11 years old, but it gets lots of use from 155 campers playing on it daily during summer camp. Last fall the playground needed a costly replacement part, and this fall there is currently caution tape wrapped around another broken structure that will cost thousands of dollars. We kindly ask for your decision before we proceed with purchasing the new parts that the playground needs.

Thank you for your consideration in moving the ARPA funds.

Sincerely,

Meghan Lennon
Parks and Rec Director, on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Commission