



Dream Playground repairs moving forward

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KENOSHA – The City of Kenosha will put out a bid this week for replacement of the poured-in-place surface at the Dream Playground at Petzke Park, 2900 14th Ave. The playground was closed in March after the city identified flaws in the rubberized surface of the flooring, which could endanger the safety of children in case of a fall.

The City had the flooring surface tested for fall-related safety, while addressing a premature wearing of the rubberized surface of the playground. The specially-designed floor is made of poured-in-place rubber, and, based on fall heights, specific impact standards need to be met. The floor failed to meet the required attenuation standards.

An independent investigation recently was completed on the playground floor to identify the appropriate course of repair. It was concluded that the floor needs to be replaced.

The City is moving forward with steps to have the flooring replaced. Repair alternatives presented to this point have been deemed unacceptable by the city. The City remains in communication with the contractor, seeking a resolution of the situation.

The 15,000-square-foot Dream Playground opened in October as the city's first fully accessible playground. More than 3,000 volunteers worked to raise support and construct the playground. It should be noted that the community participation with the build in August and September 2015 had nothing to do with the floor performance.

