

**BAZETTA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**Date:** August 1, 2024, 6:00 pm  
Bazetta Township Administration Building  
3372 State Route 5, N.E.  
Cortland, Ohio 44410

**Present:**

Chairman Trustee Michael Hovis YES  
Vice Chairman Trustee Bob McBride YES  
Trustee Michael Morelli YES  
Fiscal Officer Stacy Marling YES

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Chairman Trustee Hovis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with a moment of silence.

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: Nothing for agenda**

**ASKED TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA:**

Tiffany Polzin from Blue Grass Recreational Products provided a presentation of products available to replace Imagination Station equipment

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** We will accept public comment at this time

If anyone has a question or comment

- Raise your hand
- The Chairman will recognize you
- State your name and address for the record

Multiple speakers at the same time will not be allowed

**Comments:**

**086-24** Resolution to adjourn meeting with no action taken at 7:06.

**Motion:** Trustee McBride

**Second:** Trustee Morelli

**Vote:** Trustee McBride YES Trustee Hovis YES Trustee Morelli YES

  
Chairman Trustee Michael J. Hovis

08/14/2024  
Date

  
Vice Chairman Trustee Bob McBride

08-21-2024  
Date

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Trustee Michael Morelli

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Date

## Deanna Longo

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**From:** Tiffany Polzin <tiffany@bluegrassrec.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 19, 2024 3:57 PM  
**To:** Deanna Longo  
**Subject:** Imagination Station Playground  
**Attachments:** IMG\_5045 (1).jpg; IMG\_5044 (2).jpg; LTC\_100% Matching Funds Flyer\_2024 Pricing.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Good Afternoon Deanna,

Thank you for taking my call today. I appreciate you speaking with me about the new playground project for Imagination Station. As I mentioned on the phone, I grew up near there, and my dad was part of the Trumbull Boat Club for many years. My kids and I all played on that playground!

I would love the opportunity to help you with this project! I am with Bluegrass Recreation, who is the Little Tikes Commercial playground equipment dealer for Ohio. Here is a link to their website:

[www.littletikescommercial.com](http://www.littletikescommercial.com)

We partner with Unlimited Play to build amazing inclusive playgrounds all over the state. Here is a link to Unlimited Play if you would like more information on what they do for us:

<https://unlimitedplay.org/>

I am also an Inclusive Play Specialist and am on the advisory board for Unlimited Play.

I am attaching some information about our Matching Funds promotion that will give you 50% off 2 different inclusive play structures. I have also attached a picture of the Unlimited Play playground we just completed in Albany, Ohio for Alexander Elementary School. I am happy to provide the PTO's contact information for reference if it is needed.

Our company offers a lot of complimentary projects such as site furnishings, shade structures, safety surfacing, splash pads, and a complete turn-key approach to your build. We can complete design work for you at no charge.

I hope that we can work on this playground together! I would love to help put a special place for all kids to play together in a playground that is already near and dear to my heart.

Thanks Again,

**Tiffany Polzin, CPSI**

**Sales Executive | PM | PE | Inspector**

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FY25-26 CAPITAL BUDGET  
PROJECT INFORMATION  
WORKSHEET

- 1) Project name, a general description of the overall project, and a specific description of the purposes or specific portion(s) of the overall project for which state capital dollars would be used

Director- **Michael J Hovis, Trustee** Phone: **330-240-1326**

Project Name - **Bazetta Township Park Imagination Station ADA Compliant  
Playground Project**

Project Description - **Replacement of non- ADA Compliant playground which has  
aged out in its life expectancy to connect to and build upon our  
partnership with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources?  
Storybook Trail**

- 2) Physical location and address of the project (city/village/township and county)

**Bazetta Township Park Imagination Station  
2035 Wilson Sharpville Road, Cortland, Ohio 44410**

- 3) Legal Entity Name and any alternative Doing Business As (DBA) trade names on file with the Ohio Secretary of State and the organization sponsoring the project

**Bazetta Township**

- 4) Identification of the facility or asset owner during construction and after work is completed

**Bazetta Township Board of Trustees**

- 5) Amount of state funding being requested for the FY 2023-24 capital biennium

**\$790,000.00**

- 6) Amount and source of non-state funding, including private, not-for-profit, local, and federal funds supporting the project

**Bazetta Township Local Contribution - \$50,000.00**

**Total Project Cost: \$840,000.00**

- 7) The amount and source of state funding the project or asset has received in the past, and whether the project will be requesting additional state funding in future capital biennial

**Bazetta Township has never received any State funding for this project in previous years**

**Future funding request would be for the second phase of the project to further bring the park  
facilities into ADA Compliancy**

- 8) Identification and a description of any use by or involvement of private for-profit businesses or not-for-profit entities

**PARTNERS:**

Ohio Department of Natural Resources – **to connect and build upon the Storybook Trail, they installed adjacent to our park and playground**

Lakeview Local Schools – **to improve the safety and accessibility for all students and enhance the learning opportunities for the educational and healthy outdoor programs. Imagination Station, over the years, has become a regional center for educational and healthy outdoor activities.**

Bazetta Cortland Optimist Club - **Donated land and original playground**

**OTHER ENTITIES:**

Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio - **to improve the safety and accessibility for all students and enhance the learning opportunities for the educational and healthy outdoor programs**

Cortland Community Band - **Use for outdoor concerts**

- 9) Identification and description of any use or involvement by the federal government

**N/A**

- 10) Identification of the annual amount of and source(s) of funding for ongoing operational cost

**Bazetta Township's Local Yearly Maintenance In Kind Contribution**

**2023 – \$49,106.42**

**2022- \$46,347.55**

**2021 – \$28,079.66**

- 11) Any additional relevant information that the requesting organization believes would be of assistance in evaluating the project's value and eligibility to receive state capital funding

- **Imagination Station Playground was built in 1995 with a 20-year useful life expectancy**
- **It is currently 8 years past its useful life expectancy and is non-compliant with current ADA Guidelines**

- 12) Description of how the project's support will benefit the general public and how often the public will be able to gain access to the facilities or services provided by the community project funds

**The general public will benefit from a safer, sustainable structure and more inclusive environment as a result of this project.**

Our Capital Budget Ask of \$300,000.00 to replace Imagination Station was approved by the Ohio House of Representatives and recommended to the Ohio Senate for their approval when they return to session at the direction of the President of the Senate

Once approved, our request will be assigned to a State Department for disbursement and the guidelines for expenditures will be provided to us at that time.

