

Dear Berkey friends:

I am calling for a special congregational meeting on Sunday, May 7 to address a new quote for the cost of the playground and parking lot.

Parking Lot Construction

Construction of additional parking and a west entry and exit drive is expected to begin the second week of May. The congregation approved the project along with the necessary engineering in May 2016 based on a basic design with a number of assumptions. The congregation approved the plan with a contingency that 80% of the funds needed to be either received or pledged in order for the project to begin.

Late last week we received an updated quote that is significantly higher in cost over the original quote from April 2016. We knew there was going to be an increase in the cost of materials over the year. However, changes to the design to minimize expensive redo's for future expansions, plus more recent design changes to meet City of Goshen requirements, had a significant impact on the total square footage of the project. The significance of the square footage change was not realized until the updated quote came in.

The total cost increase over the original quote is \$41,116. The change can be attributed to 3 areas.

1. Changes to the plan based on City of Goshen requirements - \$17,334.
2. Design changes that minimize expenses and costly redo's for future expansions - \$18,810.
3. Cost increases for concrete and materials - \$4972.

One thing that did not change is the contractor's labor rate per square foot. Yaw Construction's rates are the same as last year.

Congregational Meeting May 7

In light of these new realities, and to keep the project on schedule, I am calling for a congregational meeting on May 7. There are 2 motions.

1. Approve the additional cost of \$41,116 for the parking lot project.
2. If motion #1 passes, approve the Stewardship and Finance Commission's recommendation to use some of this year's budget surplus to fund this project (and also to fund extra mission giving).

Request for more funds

In order to fulfill the original contingency that the project (parking and playground) will not start unless 80% of the funds are in hand or pledged, we need to raise or have pledged \$32,000 before May 7. This is obviously an unfortunate situation, but your response to the fundraising committee's original request was quite generous. Please consider an additional gift to this project. Any amount will be greatly appreciated. If you want to pledge additional funds, please use the attached pledge form (in Word or PDF format) and send it to a member of the Capital Campaign Committee, whose names and addresses are printed on the form. You can also put your pledge form in the box that you'll find by the mailboxes at church.

Thank you.

Greg Smucker

Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship Follow-Up Parking/Playground Pledge

Return the portion below on or before May 7, 2017.

Return to Jason Lehman (jel77maple@yahoo.com), Laura Horst (l2horst@gmail.com), or Karl Sommers (karl@karlsommers.com). Or print this out and place it in the box by the mailboxes at church.

Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship Parking/Playground Fund Pledge Form

I (we) pledge \$_____ to be given by July 31, 2017.

Signed_____