MEMO

To: Park Board

From: Greg Vitale, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: October 2, 2018

Re: Universal Playground Discussion

The Director of Parks and Recreation and the Superintendent of Park Maintenance have been researching everything related to universal playgrounds. This includes user information, playground design elements, adjacent park recommendations, universal playground statistics, the differences between accessible and universal playgrounds and more. Also, various playground and inclusion professionals have evaluated and ranked four Parks in Munster as a possible location for a future universal playground. This information, including the findings of the professionals, will be discussed at the meeting. Also, several informational handouts and inclusive playground pictures from Indiana and Illinois parks will be presented at the meeting.