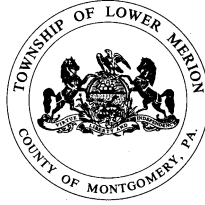


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The renovation of South Ardmore Park (SAP) playground is a culmination of Lower Merion Township's dedication to providing diverse and inclusive opportunities for all members of our community. The renovation of SAP playground, that was nearing 30 years old, includes the installation of all new equipment, shade structures, safety surfacing, and drainage systems to ensure safe and inclusive play in an engaging playground that is maintainable for the next 20+ years.

The renovation of this playground did include the removal of five trees within the confines of the current playground. The township worked in coordination with the township Arborist to have the least impact on the most viable trees. The interior trees had outgrown the area they were given to grow and would begin to decline in the near future due to lack of room. For safety reasons of debris/failure and space constraints due to the fall zone needs of play equipment these trees could not remain within an area that children play.

The turtle has been rescued and the township is looking to identify a new location within South Ardmore Park at the completion of the project. There is also a memorial bench which will be returning to the playground.

The turn in the weather with the rain in the forecast and below freezing temps has prohibited the safety surface installation.

The poured in place (PIP) requires a Base Course that needs to cure and the Top Coat with no rain in the forecast and 40 degree and rising temperatures to cure. The 10,000 sqft surface will take at least 3 days for each course to be installed and we have not had that run of weather since the equipment has been installed. Although some days have a high of 40 degrees, that temperature is typically not till midafternoon and daylight is dwindling. The binders cure time is around 12 hours at 40 degrees with the humidity at 50%.

At this point we will need to button up the playground with security fencing through the winter and have the contractor ready to mobile as soon as temps break, which will most likely be early Spring. We will also configure the fencing to be able to reopen the walking path along Sussex.

