In 2006, the complex of the Widget Factory was purchased by ABC Kinnisvarateenuste OÜ that is also the current owner of the factory. Since 2014, the 14,000 m² centre has been developed into a culture factory. By today, the Widget Factory and its surrounding city block have become one of the most rapidly developing areas in Tartu.

Aim of the intervention
Factory's perfectly proportioned backyard courtyard was used for parking and storage of materials. The wind coming from the carriage gateway caused a sandstone, which made it quite inconvenient to be in the courtyard. The situation turned out to be particularly bad when the bakerhouse was opened, where the cars started to run smoothly. It created uninterrupted car traffic, which made it impossible for pedestrians to use the space. The factory board made a decision to change the car park into Pocket Park and progressed gradually: first the courtyard was closed for parking, then the passing traffic - only serving transport remained, and as a last step, the courtyard of today is closed from 11 to 20 in any car dealership.

There are many different agencies in the Widget factory - offices, artists, shops, food stores - so the park has to offer a place for many, and in addition to allowing maneuvering for large transport. Thinking was fascinating, but also responsible, on all scales - from a log cabin to a tidal car. The yard must be suitable for everyday life, as well as for hosting festivals, fairs, concerts, performances, food trucks, while staying cozy in the human dimension.

Description
The yard is compact and quite small, lots of technical details have survived the old factory and the intermediate empty years. Consequently, the new park had to carry on the factory's mood, with the contemporary needs highlighted. The immediate perimeter of the building is a semi-public area for restaurant outdoor tables. The rest of the courtyard, including the children's play area, the stage, the greenhouse is a public space where keyword affordance. Most elements (planters, wooden platforms, skateboard box) are movable to leave room for all kinds of events and, if necessary, transport. The central active area of the courtyard is covered with asphalt; the rest of the area is pavement. And combination of lawn and stones is used in the walking area, which allows the places to be used, but the overall impression is green. Two new trees and...