

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Steve Hincee, Superintendent of Planning
Brian Kimbrough, Director of Parks & Planning
THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director
RE: Briar Patch Park Batting Cage Project
DATE: February 18, 2026



SUMMARY:

Briar Patch Park is scheduled to receive a new double batting cage, which will be furnished and installed. This improvement aims to enhance the park’s recreational amenities for local teams and community members.

Staff sent out bid specifications and drawings to 34 companies on January 14, 2026, and the bid results are as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid Total
Midwest Netting Solutions	\$91,405.33
Misfits Construction Company	\$138,750

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

A Reimbursement Agreement with Briarcliff Baseball was approved at the May 21, 2025, board meeting.

This project was bid in 2025 and there was only one bidder whose bid was two times our budget. The board rejected the bid at their September 24, 2025, meeting and allowed staff to rebid again this year.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

Account: 40-800-805-57-5701-0000	Briar Patch Park Batting Cage Project	Budget: \$80,000 Reimbursed by BCYB
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STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

The Athletics department provided input on the batting cage requirements.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Contract documents were provided by our legal counsel.

ATTACHMENTS:

Reimbursement Agreement between Wheaton Park District & Briarcliffe Baseball May 21, 2025

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners approve the base bid from Midwest Netting Solutions in the total amount of \$91,405.33 along with a contingency of \$9,140.53.