

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Brian Kimbrough, Director of Parks & Planning
Steve Hinchee, Superintendent of Planning

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: Graf Park Field Turf Replacement Project

DATE: March 18, 2026



SUMMARY:

The synthetic turf field at Graf Park was constructed in 2014. These fields are anticipated to last 10 to 12 years. The existing field at Graf Park is a Field Turf 3-layer system, which is unique to Field Turf. The proposed system would also be a 3-layer system.

Previously the district contracted the installation of the synthetic turf from Field Turf through a cooperative purchase agreement. Staff requested a cooperative purchase proposal for the replacement of the turf surface.

Construction is scheduled to begin in July 5, 2026.

Other site work related to the track, bleachers and batting cages was bid separately.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

A contract with Wight was approved at the May 21, 2025, board meeting for 2025 Graf Field Replacement and District Field Study.

The concept was reviewed and discussed at the Capital Projects review meeting on January 17, 2026.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

Item	Account #	Budget	Expense
Graf Park Turf	40-800-815-57-5701-0000	\$550,000	\$568,032
Graf Track, Bleachers & Batting Cages	40-800-815-57-5701-0000	\$320,000	\$295,855
Total		\$870,000	\$863,887

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

The scope and specifications were discussed with the Athletics Department.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Our legal counsel provided front-end specifications and agreements for bidding.

ATTACHMENTS:

Field Turf proposal dated January 15, 2026

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioner's approve the coop purchase with Field Turf in the amount of \$568,032 plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$56,803.20.