

TO: Board of Commissioners  
 FROM: Steve Hinchee, Superintendent of Planning  
 THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director  
 RE: Hull Playground Equipment  
 DATE: April 26, 2019



**SUMMARY:**

Staff has requested bids for the replacement of Hull Park playground equipment that was originally installed in 1998.

In 2008, we developed a process for bidding playground equipment that allows for various manufacturers to submit proposals that fit within the budgeted amount. This has since proven to provide more competition and creativity in the designs submitted.

The first step was to conduct a survey of neighbors surrounding the park to see what types of equipment is desired. 430 neighbors were notified of the survey. Additionally it was posted on the Capital Projects page of the park district website. Staff received 66 completed surveys and compiled the results.

Staff then developed a set of criteria by which the new playground equipment would be rated. The criterion was incorporated into bid specifications. Bidders were asked to submit proposals that were within a budgeted dollar amount and met the goals outlined in the bid documents. Bidders were allowed to submit two proposals for each bid item.

Bids were solicited on February 22, 2019 and they were opened on March 22, 2019. The results were as follows:

<i>Contractor</i>	<i>5-12Yrs. Proposal A</i>	<i>5-12 Yrs. Proposal B</i>	<i>2-5 Yrs. Proposal A</i>	<i>2-5 Yrs. Proposal B</i>	<i>Swings Proposal A</i>	<i>Swings. Proposal B</i>	<i>Discount for all equipment</i>
Zenon	\$32,189	\$32,265	\$12,933	\$12,083	\$3,552	\$3,552	No
Team REIL	\$8,099	\$28,899	\$37,399	\$11,999	\$6,999	\$11,499	No
Kompan	\$26,502	\$26,520	\$9,843	\$17,841	\$4,676. <sup>60</sup>	\$4,676. <sup>60</sup>	No
Parkreation	\$35,542	\$32,710	\$9,277	\$10,005	\$7,681	\$9,315	Yes 1 & 2
Nutoys	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$4,680	\$4,680	No
Play IL	\$30,491	\$21,070	\$16,764	\$16,185	\$5,245	\$5,245	Yes 3 & 4
Play & Park	\$56,150	\$54,336	\$18,474	\$18,474	\$4,536	\$4,536	No

1 Proposal A (-\$666), 2 Proposal B (-\$625), 3 Proposal A (-\$559) 4 Proposal B (-\$440)

It is important to note that our specifications emphasized the quality of design as long as it was within the budget amount. This is the reason that many of the bids are similar dollar amounts. This also means that the bids are likely discounted from the “catalog” prices.

A committee of 7 staff members who are directly responsible for various aspects of playground installation, maintenance and safety met to review the various proposals. Information provided by references was reviewed, and staff’s experience with various manufacturers and representatives was discussed at the meeting as well. The members of the committee then rated the proposals individually according to the criteria. Individual ratings were compiled and averaged to narrow the list. A final design was selected from that list as a group.

The preferred proposal based on budget and staff’s rating were from Parkreation. Staff has been pleased with their products and the references provided.

If approved, playground equipment is anticipated to arrive in August. The existing playground will be donated to Kid’s Around the World, an organization that refurbishes playgrounds for countries outside the United States that do not have the means to provide these types of amenities. Recent equipment donations were used to build playgrounds in Haiti, Zambia & Belize.

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:**

NA

**REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:**

\$130,000 is budgeted within the current fiscal year (40-800-845-57-5701-0000). This includes playground equipment and any other necessary site work such as concrete sidewalks and curbs. Unitary safety surfacing will be bid separately after the site design is complete. Half of the surfacing is budgeted in this account, with the other half being drawn from accessibility funding\* (40-000-000-12-1224-0000). The projects crew will perform all removals, site work and installation of the equipment. The anticipated costs are as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Equipment	\$52,500.00
Surfacing	*\$77,000.00
Removals	\$2,100.00
Site Furniture	\$3,200.00
Landscape	\$2,500.00
Misc. Site Work	\$7,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$144,800.00</b>

**STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:**

N/A

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

Contract documents were provided by our legal counsel and they have provided previous favorable opinions of this bidding process.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Recommended playground equipment design

**ALTERNATIVES:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioner's approve a contract with Parkreation for the Hull Playground Equipment in the amount of \$51,405.

Staff may request the vendors make minor revisions to the equipment proposed to ensure the District receives equipment that is well suited to the site and the desires of the neighborhood. Any modifications to the proposals will remain within the budget for equipment described above.

**Proposed Equipment**



**Existing Playground Equipment at Hull**

