

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Rob Sperl, Director of Parks & Planning
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THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: Hull Playground Safety Surface

DATE: July 1, 2019



SUMMARY:

Recently the Board approved the purchase of new playground equipment at Scottdale playground (May 15, 2019). As a part of this playground replacement, playground safety surfacing must be installed.

The District is continuing to recommend unitary surfacing for consistency of safety and accessibility. The specifications are written to allow for a variety of surfacing types that will meet the current standards for fall protection and accessibility. The bids were also structured to allow park district staff to install the surfacing, if acceptable by the manufacturer; several require special certification or limit due to warranties.

Plans and specifications were prepared by staff. Bids were solicited on June 10, 2019 and they were opened on June 24, 2019. The results were as follows:

Contractor	Type	Base Bid- Material Only	Base Bid- Material & Install	Alternate 1- Ten Year Warranty
Perfect Turf	Artificial Turf	\$44,300	\$61,440	+\$3,000
Parity	Artificial Turf	\$46,892	No Bid	\$0
Surface America	Poured-In-Place	No Bid	\$68,250	+\$5,500

The low bidder offered an option for staff installation of the surface to allow a cost savings. However, staff is not recommending this option for the following reasons:

- Budget allows for contractor install.
- Current work load of projects crew
- Continuity of work to reduce concerns with suitability of construction or warranties

Perfect Turf is the lowest responsive bid for materials and installation. Alternate #1 would extend the warranty to 10 years for an additional \$3,000. Lab tests were provided to demonstrate the surface meets specifications. Perfect Turf has successfully completed projects for the district in the past.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

Purchase of playground equipment from Parkreaton at the May 2019 Board Meeting

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 cost is budgeted in this account, with the other half (\$32,220) 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:

Item	Cost	
Equipment	\$51,405	Purchased
Surfacing – 50%	*\$32,220	Proposed
Removals	\$2,100	Estimated
Site Furniture	\$3,200	Estimated
Landscape	\$2,500	Estimated
Misc. Site Work	\$7,500	Estimated
Total	\$98,925	

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioner’s approve a contract for the installation of playground safety surfacing base bid for materials and installation, including the perimeter nail board from Perfect Turf in the amount of \$64,440.