

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Rob Sperl, Director of Parks & Planning  
Steve Hinchee, Superintendent of Planning

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: Kelly Playground Safety Surface

DATE: July 15, 2022



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**SUMMARY:**

As a part of the planned Kelly Park playground replacement, playground safety surfacing must be installed. Staff is continuing to recommend unitary surfacing for consistency of safety and accessibility. Our bid specifications are written to allow for a variety of surfacing types that will meet the current standards for fall protection and accessibility.

Plans and specifications were prepared by staff and sent to 24 contractors. Bids were solicited on June 1, 2022 and they were opened on June 17, 2022. The results were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Base Bid</b>	<b>Alternate 1- Ten Year Warranty</b>
Perfect Turf	Art. Turf	\$156,280	\$16,520
Forever Lawn	Art. Turf	\$186,665	\$45,000
Sof surfaces	Tile	\$258,820	\$12,500

Perfect Turf is the lowest responsive bid for materials and installation. Alternate #1 would extend the warranty to 10 years for an additional \$16,520, which is recommended to ensure the surface lasts at least half the expected life cycle of the equipment. 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:**

The purchase of playground equipment from Gametime/ Cunningham Recreation was approved at the March 16, 2022 board meeting.

**REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:**

\$275,000 is budgeted within the current fiscal year (40-800-820-57-5701-0000) and another \$65,000 in accessibility funding (40-000-000-12-1224-0000). This includes playground equipment and any other necessary site work such as concrete sidewalks and curbs. Projects staff will perform all removals, site work and installation of the equipment. The anticipated costs are as follows:

Item	Cost	
Equipment	\$155,097.16	Purchased
Surfacing	\$172,800.00	Proposed
Removals	\$3,000.00	Estimated
Site Furniture	\$6,000.00	Estimated
Landscape	\$5,000.00	Estimated
Misc. Site Work	\$10,000.00	Estimated
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$351,897.16</b>	

*As with other projects, staff is seeing some increased costs this year that were not anticipated when the project was budgeted last year which could put us 4-5% overbudget.*

**STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:**

N/A

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

Our legal counsel provided the front-end bid documents and sample legal agreement that will be used with the selected bidder.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The base bid without the extended warranty could be accepted to reduce cost. However, playgrounds are expected to last 20 years with possibly one change of surface during that period.

**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 and alternate 1 from Perfect Turf in the amount of \$172,800.