

TO: Board of Commissioners

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

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: Prairie Path Park Playground Surfacing Project

DATE: February 18, 2026



**SUMMARY:**

As a part of the planned Prairie Path Park playground replacement, playground safety surfacing must be installed. Staff continues 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 made available to 23 companies. Bids were solicited on January 15, 2026, and the bid results were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Surface Material</b>	<b>Base Bid:</b>	<b>Alternate Bid: Ten Year Warranty Cost</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Sq. Ft. Cost</b>
Cunningham Recreation	Artificial Turf	\$85,585.30	\$0	\$85,585.30	\$18
Perfect Turf	PIP	\$90,480	\$7,840	\$98,320	\$20.24
Perfect Turf	Artificial Turf	\$116,050	\$0	\$116,050	\$24

Alternate Bid #1 requested an additional cost for a ten-year extended warranty. This is recommended to ensure the surface lasts at least half the expected life cycle of the playground equipment and is done to create a level basis of bids as terms of company warranties can vary.

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:**

The purchase of playground equipment from Game Time in the amount of \$82,183.08 was approved at the July 16, 2025, board meeting.

**REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:**

<b>Account #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
40-800-836-57-5701-0000	Prairie Path Park Capital (FY 2025)	\$180,000
40-800-836-57-5701-0000	Prairie Path Park Capital (FY 2026)	\$100,000
40-000-000-12-1224-0000	Accessibility funding (25% of project amount)	\$25,000

The WPD Projects crew will perform all removals, site work (such as concrete sidewalks and curbs), and installation of the playground equipment.

The anticipated costs are as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>	
Equipment – Game Time	\$82,183.08	<b>Purchased in 2025</b>
Safety Surfacing	\$85,585.30	<i>Proposed</i>
Removals	\$11,200.00	Estimated
Site Furniture	\$7,000.00	Estimated
Landscape	\$7,500.00	Estimated
Misc. Site Work	\$15,000.00	Estimated
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$208,468.38</b>	

**STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:**

N/A

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

Contract documents were provided by our legal counsel.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioner's approve the base bid and no cost Alternate bid from Cunningham Recreation in the total amount of \$85,585.30 along with a contingency of \$8,558.53.