

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Rob Sperl, Director of Park and Planning
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THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: Presidents Playground and Site Improvements

DATE: May 26, 2021



SUMMARY:

Staff has requested bids for the President Park playground replacement and site improvements. Presidents Park is owned by the City of Wheaton and leased by the Wheaton Park District. The site functions as a stormwater detention pond for the surrounding neighborhoods. The park district maintains the playground and some other recreational amenities. The current playground equipment was installed in 1995.

Plans were developed with a consulting engineer for the site improvements. These plans were included in the bid documents and for permitting. The scope of work includes removal of the existing playground and installation of the equipment that was previously purchased, re-grading the site for improved handling of stormwater, and repaving the paths and sports courts.

Bids were solicited on May 5, 2021 and they were opened on May 25, 2021. The results were as follows:

<i>Contractor</i>	<i>Base Bid</i>	<i>Alternate 1 Add Concrete Walk</i>	<i>Alternate 2 Sod Around Playground</i>	<i>Alternate 3 10 Year Warranty for Play Surfacing</i>
Innovation Landscape	\$371,467	\$14,400	\$6,000	\$6,500
Great Lakes Landscape	\$382,174	\$12,240	\$5,560	No Change
E. Hoffman Inc.	\$410,102	\$16,000	\$3,520	\$85,000
Hacienda Landscaping	\$502,836	\$17,600	\$15,000	\$20,000

Innovation Landscape was the low bidder. Their references were checked and came back favorable.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

Purchase of playground equipment in the amount of \$83,998.76 was approved at the March 17, 2021 board meeting.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

Account	Description	Budget	Notes
40-800-845-57-5701-0000	Presidents Playground	\$250,000	Play equip. \$83,998.76 previously purchased
40-000-000-12-1224-0000	ADA Improvements	\$62,500 \$36,000	25% Cost of Playground 18% Cost of Non-Playground Construction
40-000-000-57-5701-0000	Asphalt Replacement	\$70,000	
40-000-000-53-5310-0000	Districtwide Fence	\$10,000	
Total		\$428,500	

The bids exceed the available budget. The overage was spread across a handful of line items. Innovation Landscape’s bid breaks down in to the following categories:

Categories	Innovation Landscape
Ballfield	\$12,270.50
Drainage	\$25,000.00
Gen Construction	\$66,000.00
Grading	\$66,736.00
Paving	\$66,777.20
Playground	\$218,615.73
Grand Total	\$455,399.43

} *Costs in these categories are spread over whole project*

Cost of play equip. added in for comparison to budget

This is approximately \$27,000 over the amount of funds we had allocated for this work and will have be transferred from elsewhere in the capital budget.

Traditionally our projects crew has installed our playgrounds. It often takes them longer to complete installation since they are the same crew that is responsible for supporting many of our special events and special facilities. Given the possibility that restrictions may ease and we could have a larger amount of programming this year, additional funds were budgeted to contract this installation.

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

We have had several neighbors inquire about the existing condition and status of replacing this playground since 2018.

During the survey that was conducted this past December/January, we had approximately 20% of respondents comment about the flooding at the park. Plans have been submitted to the City of Wheaton that include some grading to raise the footprint of the playground and sports court slightly and reduce the severity of flooding on the equipment.

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 a contract with Innovation Landscape for the Presidents Playground and Site Improvements in the amount of \$371,467 and a contingency of 10%.