

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Rob Sperl, Director of Planning
Owen O'Reilly, Fleet Manager

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: 2019 Replacement Ballfield Groomer

DATE: September 5, 2019



SUMMARY:

Staff is seeking to replace the following piece of equipment #2810 Smith Co Ballfield Rake with the ABI Force Z23si Ballfield tractor \$19,000.00. We have already replaced two other groomers with this type of equipment. As of 2020 the manufacturer will be increasing the cost by \$3,000.00. We would like to make this replacement for 2019 to avoid the increase.

Two alternates were priced although it is important to note that the versatility of the ABI force is preferred by staff and feel it does a superior job. In addition, the proposed unit has the ability to work with a laser level to improve the field surface by taking the operator estimates out of it.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

This was discussed at the September 4, 2019 Building and Grounds meeting.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

Costs for the equipment are in the proposed 2020 budget and would be removed if approved at this time. \$233,290 of the budgeted \$318,350 remains in 10-101-000-57-5706-0000 account for the current year. This is due to deferring some equipment and having some duplicates that have been corrected.

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

This equipment is preferred by our ballfield operators.

LEGAL REVIEW:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Photos of proposed and existing ballfield groomers
3 quotes

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommend that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of an ABI Force z23 in the amount of \$19,000 from ABI Attachments Inc.



Proposed ABI Force



Existing Smithco Sand Star



Alternate Toro Sand Pro