TO: Board of Commissioners

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

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: Seven Gables Park Adult Fitness Area Safety Surface

DATE: February 18, 2026

SUMMARY:

An outdoor adult fitness equipment area is being installed at Seven Gables Park and unitary safety surfacing must be installed under the equipment. 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.

Bid specifications were prepared by staff and sent to 28 contractors on January 15, 2026, and the bid results were as follows:

Contractor	Surface Material	Base Bid:	Alternate Bid: Ten Year Warranty Cost	Total	Sq. Ft. Cost
Cunningham Recreation	Artificial Turf	**$30,294.12**	$0	**$30,294.12**	$28
Perfect Turf	PIP	**$29,900**	$2,800	**$32,700**	$30
Perfect Turf	Artificial Turf	$33,850	$0	$33,850	$31

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.

Perfect Turf submitted the lowest bid for PIP materials; however, Cunningham Recreation is the lowest overall bidder due to its no cost extended warranty.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

The purchase of adult fitness equipment from Game Time was approved at the July 16, 2025, board meeting.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

Account #	Description	Amount
40-800-835-57-5701-0000	Seven Gables Capital	$80,000

40-000-000-12-1224-0000	Accessibility Funding (18% of project budget)	$14,400

The WPD Projects crew will perform all site work and installation of the new adult fitness equipment.

The anticipated costs are as follows:

Item	**Cost**	**Status**
Equipment – Game Time	$48,437.16	**Purchased**
Safety Surfacing	$30,294.12	***Proposed***
Misc. Site Work	$10,000.00	*Estimated In-House*
Total	**$88,731.28**	

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 contractor.

ATTACHMENTS:
N/A

ALTERNATIVES:
N/A

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners approve the base bid and no cost Alternate bid from Cunningham Recreation in the total amount of $30,294.12 along with a contingency of $3,029.41.