

TO: Board of Commissioners

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

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: 2026 Northside and Central Park Tennis & Pickleball Sports Lights Project

DATE: July 15, 2026



SUMMARY:

The existing sports lights and poles at Northside and Central parks are over 40 years old and the lights and posts are inefficient and in need of replacement. The basis for design and installation is Musco Lights, which we currently have in other locations throughout the park district. Our staff also has experience with this equipment and the supplier.

Bid specifications were sent on June 10, 2026, and two bids were received. They were opened on June 24th, 2026, and the results are as follows:

Contractor	Northside Park Base Bid	Central Park Base Bid	Grand Total
Utility Dynamics	\$238,000	\$162,000	\$400,000
Carey Electric	\$440,948	\$273,337	\$714,285

The Park District has worked with Utility Dynamics previously on a sports lights project at the CAC and was satisfied with their work.

References for the contractor were also checked and found to be favorable.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

The board discussed this project at the January 17, 2026, Capital Projects meeting and consensus was for staff to proceed.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

Item	Account #	Budget
Northside Tennis Lights	40-800-826-57-5701-0000	\$260,000
Central Pickleball Lights	40-800-812-57-5701-0000	\$150,000

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

N/A

LEGAL REVIEW:

Our legal counsel provided front-end specifications and agreements for bidding.

ATTACHMENTS:

Pictures of existing posts & lights.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioner's approve a contract with Utility Dynamics for the base bid amount of \$400,000 plus a 10% contingency in the amount of \$40,000.

Pictures of Existing Lights

Northside Park:



Central Park:

