

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Rob Sperl, Director of Parks & Planning  
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THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: Briar Patch Park Adult Fitness Area Safety Surface

DATE: June 19, 2024



**SUMMARY:**

Outdoor adult fitness equipment is a part of the Briar Patch Park Improvements OSLAD grant. As a part of the new adult fitness area, 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 20 contractors on May 9, 2024 and they were opened on May 23, 2024. No bids were submitted. A further Request for Proposal (RFP) for the same project was solicited. The results are as follows:

| <b>Contractor</b>    | <b>Surface Type</b>        | <b>Proposal -<br/>Adult Fitness Area Surface</b> |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Perfect Turf         | Artificial Turf            | \$24,650.00                                      |
| Perfect Turf         | Poured-in-Place 50% black  | \$29,480.00                                      |
| Perfect Turf         | Poured-in-Place 100% color | \$31,935.00                                      |
| Forever Lawn         | Artificial Turf            | \$23,273.22                                      |
| NuToys               | Poured-in-Place 50% black  | \$26,786.00                                      |
| Kidstuff Playsystems | Poured-in-Place 50% black  | \$28,857.00                                      |

*10 Year warranty included in pricing.*

Forever Lawn is the lowest responsive bid for materials and installation. Lab tests were provided to demonstrate the surface meets specifications. Forever Lawn has successfully completed a project for the district in the past.

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:**

The purchase of adult fitness equipment from NuToys / Sourcewell Cooperative, and Kompan / OMNIA Cooperative was approved at the February 21, 2024 board meeting.

**REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:**

\$150,000 is budgeted for outdoor fitness within the current fiscal year (40-800-806-57-5701-0000). Another \$27,000 is budgeted in accessibility funding (40-000-000-12-1224-0000) and is partly to allow for unitary safety surfacing which is bid separately. 50% of the costs for the Briar Patch project are being paid for through an OSLAD Grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

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

The anticipated costs are as follows:

| <b>Item</b>        | <b>Cost</b>         | <b>Status</b>             |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Equipment - NuToys | \$22,045.00         | <b>Purchased</b>          |
| Equipment - Kompan | \$43,757.00         | <b>Purchased</b>          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>\$65,802.00</b>  |                           |
| Safety Surfacing   | \$23,273.22         | <i>Proposed</i>           |
| Misc. Site Work    | \$20,000.00         | <i>Estimated In-House</i> |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>\$109,075.22</b> |                           |

See attached for overall project budget.

**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:**

Overall Project Budget

**ALTERNATIVES:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners approve a contract for the provision and installation of Briar Patch Fitness area at a cost of \$23,273.22 from Forever Lawn.

## Overall Project Budget

| <b>Briar Patch Improvements Budget vs. Actual 2024 Bids</b> |                    |   |  |
|---|--------------------|---|--|
| <b>Existing Contracted Costs</b>                            | <b>Budget</b>      | <b>Actual</b><br><small>(spent in 2023)</small> |  |
| Backstop Fencing  | \$85,000           | \$119,812                                       | * Additional \$20,000 Dist. Wide Fence       |
| Playground Surface  | \$80,000           | \$91,480  |  |
| Shelter Improvements  | \$6,000            | \$6,000   | Roofing complete to date                     |
| A/E Design  | \$15,000           | \$27,700  |  |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>\$180,000</b>   | <b>\$244,992</b>                                |  |
| <b>Current Bid Proposals</b>                                |                    |   |  |
|   | <b>Budget</b>      | <b>Proposed</b>                                 |  |
| Pickleball & Tennis Cts/Fencing                             |                    | \$230,000                                       |  |
| Grading/Drainage/Site Work                                  |                    | \$241,500                                       |  |
| Grading/Drainage/Site Work CO1                              |                    | \$47,110  | Separate recommendation                      |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>\$500,000</b>   | <b>\$518,610</b>                                | Re-budgeted in 2024 at increased amount      |
| <b>Remaining Estimated Costs</b>                            |                    |   |  |
|   | <b>Budget</b>      | <b>Estimated</b>                                |  |
| Outdoor Fitness   | \$150,000          | \$109,075                                       | Equipment + estimated surface & site work    |
| Shelter Improvements  | \$90,000           | \$100,000                                       | Could be reduced to at least half in-house   |
| Landscape Improvements                                      | \$25,000           | \$25,000  | Could be reduced to at least half in-house   |
| CPA Report  | \$5,000            | \$5,000   |  |
| <b>Subtotal</b>   | <b>\$270,000</b>   | <b>\$239,075</b>                                |  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>  | <b>\$950,000</b>   | <b>\$1,002,677</b>                              | With proposed bid amounts                    |
| <b>Existing Funding Sources</b>                             |                    |   |  |
| OSLAD Grant funding   | \$317,500          |   |  |
| 50% Matching out of capital                                 | \$317,500          |   | FY 2023/2024 Account 40-800-806-57-5701-0000 |
| \$ over match budgeted in 2024                              | \$135,000          |   | FY 2024 Account 40-800-806-57-5701-0000      |
| *Dist. Wide Fence   | \$20,000           |   | FY 2023 Account 20-101-000-53-5301-0000      |
| 18% of const. budget for ADA                                | \$110,700          |   | FY 2023 Account 40-000-000-12-1224-0000      |
| DCEO Grant  | \$200,000          |   |  |
| <b>Total Funds</b>  | <b>\$1,100,700</b> |   |  |