

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Rob Sperl, Director of Parks and Planning
Steve Hinchee, Superintendent of Planning

THROUGH: Michael Benard, Executive Director

RE: Cosley Zoo Staff and Overflow Parking Area Bid Results and Recommendation

DATE: October 23, 2024



SUMMARY:

Wight Engineering prepared plans and specifications used to bid the construction of a parking lot for Cosley Zoo. Bids were solicited on August 8, 2024, from 12 contractors. Seven bidders responded and bids were opened on September 6, 2024. The results were as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid Amount
EP Doyle	\$1,999,599
Everlast Blacktop	\$2,098,150
Abbey Paving	\$2,127,630
Earthwerks	\$2,380,000
Copenhaver	\$2,506,500
Martam	\$2,619,525
A Lamp	\$2,749,000

Wight reviewed the scope of work with EP Doyle to ensure all work was included in the bid. EP Doyle has successfully completed a number of projects for the district in the past.

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE/BOARD ACTION:

The board of commissioners approved a proposal from Wight Engineering in January 2023 to complete engineering plans for the Cosley Zoo Parking Lot.

REVENUE OR FUNDING IMPLICATIONS:

The Cosley Foundation committed to funding the project.

STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:

Reviewed through Wheaton's Planning and Zoning Board

ATTACHMENTS:

Recommendation letter from Wight

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Wheaton Park District Board of Commissioners approve a contract with EP Doyle in the amount of \$1,999,599 for construction of the Cosley Zoo Parking Lot Expansion, plus a 10% contingency amount of \$199,959.90.



September 25, 2024

Rob Sperl
Director of Parks and Planning
Wheaton Park District
1000 Manchester Road
Wheaton, IL 60187

RE: Cosley Zoo Parking Lot Improvements

Dear Mr. Sperl,

On September 6, 2024, bids were received by Wheaton Park District for the Cosley Zoo Parking Lot project. A total of seven contractors' submitted bids: Please see the attached bid tabulation sheet. The apparent low bidder is EP Doyle & Son, LLC out of Wheaton, Illinois, with a Base Bid of \$1,999,599.00.

Wight & Company has reviewed the project with the low bidder to confirm that they have accounted for all the scope per the bid documents. Wight reviewed references, who indicated that the projects went well, and the client would work with the low bidder again.

Based upon our evaluation of the bids, our scope review, and the references provided; Wight & Company recommends award of the contract to is EP Doyle & Son, LLC in the amount of \$1,999,599.00.

Wight does not recommend the provided unit costs by Doyle be accepted by the Park District as part of the contract based on comparison to other bidder's unit costs and the expected scope. These items can be fairly negotiated during construction if needed (all related to undercut scope for the parking lot).

Wight reviewed Doyle's Assumptions Clarifications and Schedule included with the bid and have the following responses, these were reviewed with Doyle and were found acceptable.