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DATE: February 24, 2020

TO: Board of Park Commissioners

FROM: James W. Rogers, Executive Director
Daniel Payne, Director of Parks

RE: 2020 BERENS PARK BATTING CAGE PROJECT

ISSUE

The addition of batting cages at Berens Park will provide a safe and efficient space for players to warm-up prior to and during games. The upgrading of the ballfield amenities are essential for accomplishing the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan Theme To meet community needs for parks, open space, and outdoor amenities.

DISCUSSION

Berens Park ballfields #1-4 are utilized by the District's adult softball leagues and multiple youth baseball and softball leagues in the spring, summer, and fall. In 2018, representatives from Elmhurst Youth Baseball approached the District regarding the desire to add batting cages between the ballfields to serve a dual purpose as a warmup area for both batters and pitchers. The cages would be an additional amenity to the park as it will remain open to the public similar to the batting cages installed by Immaculate Conception College Prep at Plunkett Park and those installed by the District at Salt Creek Park in 2018. The two batting cage tunnels with upright supports and netting would be located between fields #2 and 3 and fields #3 and 4.

Bid specifications were developed and requests for sealed bids were advertised through a legal notice in the Elmhurst Suburban Life on January 17, 2020 and a public bid opening was held on February 3, 2020. Ten bid packets for the project were picked up by or emailed to contractors resulting in the submission of one sealed bid; the bid tally sheet is attached.

Funding for the batting cage project is available in the amount of \$30,000 in the Capital Improvement Fund with Elmhurst Youth Baseball contributing \$5,000 towards the project. Misfits Construction Company submitted the only bid received on the project. Their base bid totaled \$25,600. Alternates #1 and 2 were proposed for batting cage amenities including batter's boxes and backstop netting. Misfits' bid proposed a cost of \$8,900 for Alternates #1 and 2. Positive reference checks for Misfits Construction Company were received from the Bloomingdale Park District and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County. A records search has been completed with the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) and Dun & Bradstreet, Inc. with no violations found.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Park Commissioners (1) award the 2020 Berens Park Batting Cage Project in the amount of \$25,600.00 to Misfits Construction Company; (2) reject Alternates #1 and 2; and (3) authorize the Executive Director to execute said contract accordingly.

Thank you.

Attachments: Bid Tally Sheet