## ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 9, 2020

**TO:** Board of Park Commissioners

FROM: James W. Rogers, Executive Director

Angela Ferrentino, Director of Facilities Joseph Cogswell, Landscape Architect

RE: ELDRIDGE PARK EAST PLAYGROUND SAFETY SURFACING PROJECT

## **ISSUE**

Following the Park Board's January 13, 2020 approval of the Eldridge Park East Playground Redevelopment design, requests for sealed bids were advertised for the project including the surfacing. Eldridge Park East Playground Safety Surfacing received a score of 78 out of 100 on the Vision 2020 Comprehensive and Strategic Plan Park Assessment with the recommendation to upgrade outdated equipment incorporating continued compliance to current safety standards and ADA accessibility requirements. Improvements of the park and playground safety surfacing meets the District's Vision 2020 Plan Theme: Meet Community Need for Parks, Open Space, and Outdoor Amenities.

## **DISCUSSION**

The scope of the project includes the material and installation of poured in place permeable rubber safety surfacing and rubber safety tiles in accordance with the Eldridge Park East playground design.

Requests for sealed bids were advertised through a legal notice in the Elmhurst Suburban Life on February 7, 2020. Thirty (30) letters of invite/bid packages were sent to playground and landscape contractors throughout the Chicagoland area. The bid opening was held on February 24, 2020. Three (3) bids were received.

The lowest responsible base bid was received from Perfect Turf LLC of Rolling Meadows, IL, in the amount of \$108,400. Staff completed reference checks for Perfect Turf LLC with Wheaton Park District, Deerfield Park District, and Play Illinois; all came back positive. In addition, a records search was completed with the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) and Dun & Bradstreet, Inc. with no violations found. Lastly, Perfect Turf successfully completed the 2017 Plunkett Park Playground Surfacing on time and in accordance with project specifications.

The total amount budgeted in the Capital Improvement and SRA funds for the Eldridge Park East Playground Improvements and Playground Surfacing Projects is \$480,000. The breakdown for both projects is as follows.

Playground Redevelopment including Equipment

and Site Amenities \$369,770
Safety Surfacing Project 108,400

Total \$478,170

Construction for the playground surfacing project is scheduled to begin August 17, 2020 with an anticipated completion date of September 4, 2020.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Park Commissioners (1) award the 2020 Eldridge Park East Playground Safety Surfacing project in the amount of \$108,400 to Perfect Turf, LLC of Rolling Meadows, IL; and (2) authorize the Executive Director to execute said contract accordingly.

Thank you.

Attachment: Bid Tally Sheet

Eldridge Park East Playground Safety Surfacing Exhibit

