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**DATE:** March 14, 2022

**TO:** Board of Park Commissioners

**FROM:** James W. Rogers, Executive Director  
Angela Ferrentino, Director of Facilities  
Jon Rudey, Landscape Architect

**RE: ELDRIDGE PARK EAST PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

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**ISSUE**

According to the District's playground replacement schedule, the Eldridge Park east playground was due for replacement in 2020. The Park Board approved the final playground concept plan on January 13, 2020 as budgeted in the 2020 budget. However, this project was postponed in 2020 and again in 2021 to conserve spending thus lessen financial impacts of the pandemic.

The Eldridge Park East Playground received a score of 78 out of 100 on the Vision 2020 Comprehensive and Strategic Plan Park Assessment with a recommendation to upgrade outdated equipment incorporating continued compliance to current safety standards and ADA accessibility requirements. Redevelopment of the park and playground safety surfacing meets the District's 2022 Strategic Plan Theme to Meet community need for parks, open space, and outdoor amenities.

**DISCUSSION**

The scope of the project includes the removal of the existing playground, wood fiber, turf, and pavement not in ADA compliance, installation of a new playground, replacement of turf with prairie seed mix, installation of new pavement, sealcoating and striping the existing asphalt path and nearby parking, and new site furnishings in accordance with the Eldridge Park East playground design. At the February 14, 2022 board meeting, the Board approved the purchase of playground and site furnishings through the Sourcewell joint purchasing agreement, which meets all competitive bidding procedure requirements.

Requests for sealed bids were advertised through a legal notice in the Elmhurst Suburban Life on February 4, 2022 and eighteen (18) letters of invite/bid packages were sent to playground and landscape contractors throughout the Chicagoland area. Fifteen (15) bid packages were electronically downloaded and eleven (11) contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting held on February 11, 2022. The bid opening was held on March 1, 2022 with five (5) bids received.

The lowest responsible base bid was received from Hacienda Landscaping of Minooka, IL in the total amount of \$142,570. Staff completed reference checks for Hacienda with the Glencoe Park District, Schaumburg Park District and Park District of Oak Park and all came back very positive. A records search completed with the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) found no violations. Additionally, the District has successfully worked with Hacienda Landscaping on the 2016 Butterfield Park Playground for Everyone and 2019 Salt Creek Park renovation project with no issues in regard to project specifications or meeting the project schedule.

The specifications included eight (8) Bid Additives of which staff recommends

Accepting Bid Additives:

#1 Mudjacking existing concrete stairs .....	\$ 2,000
#2 Core, grout and construct handrail.....	\$ 4,020
#8 Additional asphalt paving.....	\$ 6,335
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>\$12,355</u></b>

Rejecting Bid Additives (many of which can be completed by staff at a later date):

#3 Painting the existing concrete retaining wall .....	\$3,000
#4 Constructing and installing a wayfinding sign .....	\$3,100
#5 Constructing decorative animal tracks on concrete ....	\$2,880
#6 Furnishing and installing boulders for .....	\$5,000
#7 Acid staining the existing concrete banding for.....	\$1,045

The 2022 budget includes funds for this project utilizing the SRA Fund (\$200,000 to address accessibility improvements) and General Fund (\$275,000) reserves for a total available budget of \$475,000. At the February 14, 2022 board meeting, the Board approved the purchase of playground and site furnishings in the amount of \$221,612. The remaining funds of \$253,388 are available for the installation of the Eldridge East Playground.

**Budgeted for this project: \$475,000**

**Previously Approved Expenditure:**

Purchase of Playground	\$ 208,922
Purchase of Site Furnishings	\$ 12,690
<b>Total Above</b>	<b><u>\$ 221,612</u></b>

**Recommended Expenditures:**

Base Bid	\$142,570
Bid Additives	\$ 12,355
<b>Total Bid:</b>	<b><u>\$ 154,925</u></b>

**Remaining \$ 98,463**

Remaining funds of \$98,463 will be utilized to cover the cost of the Eldridge Park East Playground Safety Surfacing Project.

Construction for the project is scheduled to begin June 15, 2022 with an anticipated completion date of September 18, 2022. Hacienda Landscaping has confirmed they can meet the District's timeline.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Park Commissioners (1) award the 2022 Eldridge Park East Playground Improvement Project in the base bid amount of \$142,570 to Hacienda Landscaping of Minooka, IL; (2) accept bid additives #1, 2 and 8 for a total of \$12,355; (3) reject bid additives #3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; and (4) authorize the Executive Director to execute said contracts accordingly.

Thank you.

Attachment: Eldridge Park East Playground Images  
Bid Tally Sheet