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DATE: April 25, 2022

TO: Board of Park Commissioners

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

RE: WILDER PARK NORTH TENNIS COURTS IMPROVEMENTS

ISSUE

The Wilder Park north tennis courts continue to degrade and, due to suspected soil or foundation issues, are in need of a full-depth overhaul. This project meets the Park Board's Strategic Plan Theme of Meet community need for parks, open space, and outdoor amenities.

DISCUSSION

The existing surface of the courts are in decline requiring maintenance to improve the playing surface. The manner in which the asphalt is failing, depressed cracking and sinking apparent at some footings, is indicative of either a foundational issue or an underlying soil issue. Knowing the courts need to be re-surfaced, this is right time to complete a full-depth demolition to create a solid footing for the courts as it is built up. Specifications call for expanding the typical asphalt depth to accommodate the surface issues to date. The tennis equipment will be replaced and the fencing will be disassembled and stored onsite prior to being reinstalled on the existing posts.

Staff developed plans and specifications for the work to be completed. Requests for sealed bids were advertised through a legal notice in a local paper on March 12, 2022. Twelve (12) invitations to bid were digitally transmitted to various contractors throughout the Chicagoland area. Seven (7) other requests for bid documents were requested and provided. Five (5) contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting held on March 28. The District received two (2) sealed bids for the bid opening held on April 5, 2022. A copy of the bid tally sheet is attached.

The lowest responsible bid was received from Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. of Lake Zurich, IL in the amount of \$165,000. The request for bids included one potential alternate for a significant concrete curb with integrated post footing and new posts in order to shore up the edge of the courts. After thorough consideration, staff determined this work to be unnecessary and overbuilt. Therefore, staff recommends the alternate for \$62,850 be rejected. The work included in the base bid will accommodate and solve the suspected foundational issue with the existing court. Funds in the amount of \$225,000 are available for the project in the FY22 Capital Fund for the Wilder Park North Tennis Court Improvements.

Staff completed reference checks for Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. to confirm general experience as well as experience in completing a project of this scope. Positive reference checks were provided by the Glen Ellyn Park District, Lake Zurich CUSD #95, and Community High School District #117 (Lake Villa). In addition, a records search completed with the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) found no violations on record. The contractor has been in business continuously for 35 years. The District has worked with Chicagoland Paving in the past, most notably at the Crestview park tennis, pickleball, and basketball courts without significant incident.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Park Commissioners (1) award the base bid for the Wilder Park North Tennis Courts Improvements in the amount of \$165,000 to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc., of Lake Zurich, IL; (2) reject alternate #1; and (3) authorize the Executive Director to execute said contract.

Thank you.

Attachments: Bid Tally Sheet