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DATE: March 13, 2023

TO: Board of Park Commissioners

FROM: James W. Rogers, Executive Director
Angela Ferrentino, Director of Facilities
Joyce Sica, Facilities Supervisor of Operations

**RE: COURTS PLUS TENNIS CURTAINS, BACK DROP AND WALL PADDING
REPLACEMENT**

ISSUE

Staff propose replacing the backdrop/curtains in the tennis court area due to extreme wear and tear along with installing wall padding for improved safety. This project meets the Board's Vision 2020 Plan goal to Maintain and Update Existing Facilities.

Discussion

In 2023, staff propose replacing the backdrop/curtains in the tennis court area and installing wall padding. The curtains are four (4) years past their useful life, in disrepair, and an eyesore due to the need to duct tape to fix holes and tears. After previously trimming the bottom of the curtains in an attempt to improve appearance, the curtains now pose a potential hazard due to tennis balls rolling underneath the curtains and into walking paths to access individual tennis courts. New curtains would block tennis balls from rolling outside of the court area, provide an improved experience for players retrieving balls, and be an aesthetic improvement.

The new wall padding would be installed on the side walls of tennis courts #1 and 3. With the addition of pickleball lines on those courts and court play being closer to the walls than tennis, players are coming in close contact with the walls. The installation of padding would help to prevent injuries. Since Courts Plus is a premier racquet sports facility and experiencing high demand for pickleball, it is essential to maintain facility and safety standards for players.

A legal notice for the Courts Plus tennis curtains, back drop and wall padding replacement project was placed in the Elmhurst Press on January 27, 2023. Two contractors attended a mandatory pre-bid meeting held on-site on February 10, 2023. A public bid opening was conducted on February 15, 2023 and one bid was submitted from National Sports Netting, of Lemont, IL in the amount of \$65,225. References received from Hinsdale Racket Club, Wilmette Park District (Centennial Tennis Club) and Northshore Racquet Club were positive. Lastly, a records search completed with the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) found no violations.

This project is tentatively scheduled for July 17 – 28, 2023 which works well with summer tennis programming when tennis programs are moved to the outside courts.

The FY23 capital budget has \$56,555 allocated for the tennis curtains, back drop and wall padding replacement project. The funding shortfall of \$8,670 can be addressed through the cost savings from the Abatement Project of the former Lizzadro Museum and Managers office recommended for approval by the Park Board earlier in the meeting on March 13, 2023 at \$92,300 under budget.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Park Commissioners (1) award the Courts Plus Tennis curtains, back drop and wall padding replacement project to National Sports Netting of Lemont, IL in the amount of \$65,225; and (2) authorize the Executive Director to execute said contract.

Attachments: Bid Tally Sheet

Thank you.