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DATE: February 12, 2024

TO: Board of Park Commissioners

FROM: James W. Rogers, Executive Director
Angela Ferrentino, Director of Facilities
Jon Rudey, Park Planner

RE: 2024 PIONEER PARK PLAYGROUND SAFETY SURFACE

ISSUE

Following the Board's approval of the conceptual design for the renovation of the playground and surrounding areas at Pioneer Park on November 13, 2023, documents necessary to bid and construct the project were prepared and a request for sealed bids was advertised. The playground at Pioneer Park was determined to be best suited for replacement in 2024 due to age, wear, high frequency use and repeated vandalism. The project will include the installation of new safety surfacing introducing colors to compliment the newly installed playground. This project addresses the 2024 Strategic Work Plan Theme: Meet Community Need for Parks, Open Space, and Outdoor Amenities.

DISCUSSION

The project includes the installation of a new poured-in-place surface constructed in compliance with the most relevant and current guidelines within the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) as well as ASTM safety standards for playgrounds.

A request for sealed bids was advertised on December 8, 2023 in Elmhurst Suburban Life newspapers. Letters of invite were sent to 20 playground and landscape contractors throughout the local and regional area with 16 other requests for bid documents. Twenty-one (21) packages were electronically downloaded, and one was picked up in person. Five contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting on December 19, 2023. The public bid opening occurred on January 23, 2024 with 3 bids received and opened publicly (bid tally attached).

The lowest responsible base bid was received of Innovative Sport Surfacing of Mentor, Ohio in the amount of \$97,185. A detailed scope review was completed with the contractor and staff checked provided references. Positive references were received from City of Fort Walton Beach, Florida, Carnival CDC, Northlake, Ohio, and Salvation Army, Suffern, New York. Innovative Sport Surfacing has provided new poured-in-place surfacing for the District in recent years at Eldridge and Ben Allison Parks as well as surfacing replacement and repair at Wilder and Marjorie Davis Parks. Additionally, a records search was performed with the Illinois Department of Labor with no outstanding violations found.

Staff is recommending the acceptance of the base bid totaling \$97,185. There is no additive or alternative work for this project.

The total budgeted in the Capital Improvement and SRA funds for the Pioneer Park Redevelopment including the playground and athletic court redevelopment, poured-in place surface, paving, and site amenities is \$487,300, of which \$180,667 and \$167,319 were previously allocated for the purchase of Play Equipment, Site Amenities, & Furnishing, and construction of the playground and park improvements, respectively.

Approved Project Budget	\$487,300
Purchased Equipment and Furnishings	\$180,667
Playground & Park Improvements Project	\$167,319
Safety Surface Base Bid	<u>\$ 97,185</u>
TOTAL (under budget)	\$ 42,129

Construction of the Poured-in-Place surface will be coordinated to coincide with the construction of the play equipment and base materials allowing for the anticipated completion of the project by mid-September 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Park Commissioners (1) award the Pioneer Park Safety Surfacing in the amount of \$97,185 to Innovative Sport Surfacing of Mentor, Ohio; and (2) authorize the Executive Director to execute said contracts.

Thank you.

Attachments: Bid Tally Sheet

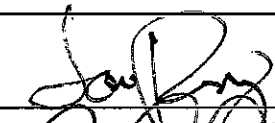
2024 Pioneer Park Playground Safety Surface


Bid Opening: January 23, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

No. Contractors in attendance: Mandatory Prebid:12/20/2024 @ 9:00am

Bond Add. 1 Base Bid

No.	Contractors in attendance	Bond	Add. 1	Base Bid
1	NuToys/Surfacing America	✓	—	131,251. ⁵⁰
2	Apex Landcape, Inc.			
3	Perfect Turf	✓	—	125,840. ⁰⁰
4	John Keno & Co. (JKC)			
5	Innovative Sport Surfacing	✓	—	97,105. ⁰⁰

Witness:  Date: 1/23/2024

Asst. Treasurer:  Date: 01/23/2024