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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 & PARK IMPROVEMENTS

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 (see attached), 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. Redevelopment of the park and playground includes a reimagined layout with new 2-5 year-old and 5-12 year-old play equipment, swings, benches, picnic areas, and revamped basketball court. This project addresses the 2024 Strategic Work Plan Theme: Meet Community Need for Parks, Open Space, and Outdoor Amenities.

DISCUSSION

The scope of the project includes the removal of existing equipment and surfaces with a portion of the equipment to be removed by and donated to Kids Around the World. The project further includes a reimagined layout to capitalize on the buildable space with new playground equipment including site furnishings and amenities including a newly resurfaced basketball court. New asphalt paths and concrete pads will be installed according to the updated layout. All items will be 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 the 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 (1) was picked up in person. Seven (7) contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting on December 19, 2023. The public bid opening occurred on January 23, 2024 with four (4) sealed bids received (bid tally attached).

The lowest responsible base bid was received from Innovative Sport Surfacing of Mentor, Ohio in the amount of \$167,319. A detailed scope review was completed with the contractor and staff checked provided references. Positive references were received from the City of

Fort Walton Beach, Florida, Carnival CDC, Northlake, Ohio, and the Salvation Army, Suffern, New York. Innovative Sport Surfacing has provided new poured-in-place surfacing 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 \$167,319. 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 was previously approved at the December 11, 2023 board meeting for the purchase of Play Equipment, Site Amenities, and Furnishings.

Approved Project Budget	\$487,300
Purchased Equipment and Furnishings	\$180,667
Project Base Bid	<u>\$167,319</u>
TOTAL REMAINING	<u><u>\$139,314</u></u>

Remaining Funds of \$139,314 will be utilized for the installation of the poured-in-place safety surface.

Construction of the Pioneer Park Improvements will commence in mid-June with anticipated completion by the end of August 2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Park Commissioners (1) award the Pioneer Park Playground Redevelopment Project in the amount of \$167,319 to Innovative Sport Surfacing of Mentor, Ohio; and (2) authorize the Executive Director to execute said contracts.

Thank you.

Attachments: Pioneer Park Plan
Bid Tally Sheet



Pioneer Park

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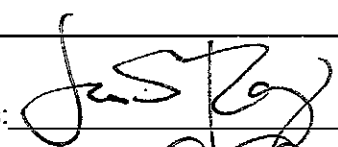
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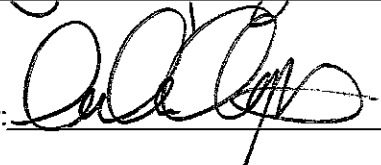
Bid Opening: January 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Bond Add. 1 Add. 2 Base Bid

No.	Contractors in attendance	Bond	Add. 1	Add. 2	Base Bid
1	Innovation Landscape	✓	✓	✓	289,496. ⁸⁵
2	Larson Equipment				
3	Great Lakes	✓	✓	✓	364,515.-
4	John Keno & Co. (JKC)				
5	Innovative Sport Surfacing	✓	✓	✓	167,319. ⁰⁰
6	Apex Landcape, Inc.				
7	Hacienda Landscaping	✓	✓	✓	202,565. ⁵⁰

Witness:  Date: 1/23/2024

Asst. Treasurer:  Date: 01/23/2024