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**DATE:**    January 27, 2025

**TO:**        Board of Park Commissioners

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

**RE:**        **BERENS PARK HUB PLAYGROUND SAFETY SURFACING**

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**ISSUE**

Following the Board of Park Commissioner's approval of the conceptual design for the renovation of the playground adjacent to The Hub at Berens Park, documents necessary to bid and construct the project were prepared and a request for sealed bids was advertised. The playground at The Hub at Berens Park was seen to be best suited for replacement in 2025 due to age, wear, high frequency use and continuing decay of the play surfaces and structures. Redevelopment of the playground includes a reimagined layout with new 2-5 year-old and 5-12 year-old play structure, stand-alone play equipment, swings, benches, and picnic areas with refuse and recycling receptacles. The project aligns with the Elevate Elmhurst Priority of Invigorated Parks with the goal to enhance park amenities and open spaces.

**DISCUSSION**

The scope of the project includes the installation of poured-in-place rubber safety surfacing to meet or exceed ASTM standards for critical fall height protection. The surface will be constructed in compliance with the most relevant and timely statutes within the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards for playgrounds.

A request for sealed bids was advertised on December 6, 2024 in the Elmhurst Suburban Life. Eighteen letters of invitation for the Playground Redevelopment were sent to contractors throughout the local and regional area with six other requests for bid documents. Ten packages were electronically downloaded. Twelve contractors attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting for the project on December 18, 2024. The public bid opening occurred on January 14, 2025. Five sealed bids were received for the Playground Redevelopment. Bid tally results are attached.

The lowest responsible base bid was received from JC Safety Surfacing, Inc. of Mineola, NY in the amount of \$102,720. A detailed scope review was completed with the contractor and staff checked provided references. Positive references were received of Dawson Construction, ICB Sales, and Flexiturf. The District has had favorable experiences with JC Safety Surfacing as the subcontractor responsible for the work at Ben Allison, Wilder, and Marjorie Davis Parks, as well as the subcontractor who repaired the issues with the initial

Pioneer Park installation. Additionally, a records search was performed with the Illinois Department of Labor and no outstanding violations were found.

Staff is recommending the acceptance of the base bid totaling \$102,720. There is no additive or alternative work for this project.

The total budgeted in the Capital Improvement and SRA funds for the Berens Park Hub Playground Redevelopment, including the playground equipment, poured-in place surface, paving, shade structures, and site amenities is \$740,000, of which \$414,112 was previously allocated for the acquisition of Play Equipment, Site Amenities, and Furnishing. The remaining \$223,168.00 is allocated for the construction of the playground.

Approved Project Budget	\$740,000
Purchased Equipment and Furnishings	(\$414,112)
Safety Surfacing Base Bid	<u>(\$102,720)</u>
<b>Remaining Budget</b>	<b>\$223,168</b>

Construction of the Berens Park Hub Playground is anticipated to commence in mid-February with the safety surface portion of the project occurring in early May followed by the completion of the entire project by mid-May 2025, weather dependent.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Park Commissioners (1) award the Berens Park Hub Playground Safety Surfacing project in the amount of \$102,720 to JC Safety Surfacing of Mineola, NY; and (2) authorize the Executive Director to execute said contract accordingly.

Thank you.

Attachments: Bid Tally Results

**2025 Berens Park Hub Playground Safety Surface**

Bid Opening: January 14, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.


No. Contractors in attendance: Mandatory Prebid: 12/18/2025 @ 9:15am

Bond Add. 1 Add. 2 Base Bid

1	A Jules Construction	Y	Y		\$ 188,500
2	ALFA Chicago	Y	Y	Y	\$ 250,000
3	ARS Rubber	Y	Y	Y	\$ 161,000
4	Copenhaver Construction				
5	E. Hoffman Inc.				
6	Great Lakes				
7	JC Safety Surfacing	Y	Y	Y	\$ 102,120
8	Midwest Field Solutions				
9	Misfits Construction Co.				
10	NuToys				
11	Perfect Turf	Y	Y		\$ 126,300
12	Terra Demolition				
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Witness:  Date: 1/14/2025

Asst.

Treasurer:  Date: 01/14/2025