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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: **BUTTERFIELD PARK PLAYGROUND FENCE**

ISSUE

The Playground for Everyone at Butterfield Park has been and continues to be a significant destination for families of all abilities but is specifically designed for those with different abilities. The playground has split rail fencing along the adjacent parking area, but the playground remains open on three sides. Frequent users have brought the lack of containment to the attention of the Park Planner as many children, especially those with sensory and executive function issues have a propensity to elope (run off) and without a barrier, children are able to run toward Butterfield Road without restriction. Given this concern for the safety and welfare of these patrons, a non-climbing boundary fence is suggested with a single point of access at the main entry point of the playground. Adding such an amenity to the playground aligns with Elevate Elmhurst Priorities of Invigorating Parks with a goal to enhance park amenities and open spaces.

DISCUSSION

The Playground for Everyone at Butterfield Park was designed and constructed to allow better access for children of varying physical abilities as well as sensory engagement for children with developmental delays. The space has continued to draw families of children with multiple abilities offering something for all children. As is common, families have children of varying ages, and many have children with varying abilities. Because of these circumstances, families are often split in their attention. Given the popularity, size, and multiple play options of the playground, parents and caregivers may briefly lose visual site of a child, even if only for a moment. By erecting a non-climbing perimeter fence with a single access point, parents may be better able to contain children who are likely to elope. With Butterfield Road being a well-used and higher speed thoroughway adjacent to the park, the concern of a child escaping, or at the very least, getting a long enough head start, to the roadway is front of mind for park patrons.

Staff researched best practices and products to alleviate this concern and found a 42" tall, non-climbable, steel ornamental fence with a single access point at the main entry to the playground would be the best option. Staff specified a proven product in the Ameristar Monarch series. A flat rail at the bottom and top of the fence provides safety for hands and

feet while the vertical pickets set at a maximum 4” on center will maintain a secure perimeter for families to enjoy the playground while minimizing concerns of elopement.

Staff prepared construction documents and specifications for bid. A legal notice was published on December 6, 2024, and bid documents were made available that day. Four invitations were sent and five other requests for documents were made. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on December 17 with eight contractors in attendance. Four bids were subsequently submitted and opened on January 7, 2025 (bid tally attached).

The lowest, most responsible bidder is Action Fence, Inc. of Mundelein, IL in the amount of \$38,000. References provided were contacted and all agreed the workmanship, quality of the end product, and construction administration was an A+ experience. Walsh Construction Co., Clayco, Inc, and Clune Construction Company will be utilizing the services of Action Fence as much as possible in the future each with differing project types. An IDOL search was completed, and no violations were found. Cardinal Fence submitted a bid package in the amount of \$36,420. However, the bid received from Cardinal Fence was missing the required contractor certifications, no addendum signed, and there was no bid bond present in the submitted bid. Therefore, the bid from Cardinal Fence was rejected as not responsible.

The funds available for this project are included the Recreation Fund Reserve in the amount of \$55,000.

2025 Butterfield Playground Fencing Installation Budget	\$ 55,000
2025 Butterfield Playground Fencing Installation Bid	<u>\$ 38,000</u>
TOTAL under/(over) Budget	<u>\$ 17,000</u>

The window for project completion is scheduled for March 31, 2025 through April 11, 2025, to cause the least disruption to programming at the Butterfield Park Recreation Building (Sunbeams & Rainbows specifically). The project should last no more than 5 days; however, given the timing of the project, weather may influence when the project commences and is eventually completed.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Park Commissioners (1) accept the bid of \$38,000 received of Action Fence, Inc. of Mundelein, IL; and (2) authorize the Executive director to execute said contract.

Thank you.

Attachments: Bid Tally
Butterfield Playground Fence layout

2025 Butterfield Park Playground Fence

Bid Opening: January 7, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

No. Contractors in attendance: Mandatory Prebid: 12/17/2025 @ 9:30am

Bond Add. 1 Base Bid

1	Action Fence	✓	✓	38,000.-
2	Cardinal Fence	X	X	36,420.-
3	Classic Fence			
4	Fence Connection Inc.	✓	X	49,975.-
5	Innova Fence	✓	✓	39,330.-
6	Midwest Field Solutions			
7	Misfits Construction Co.			
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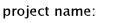
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Asst.

Treasurer:

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01/07/2025



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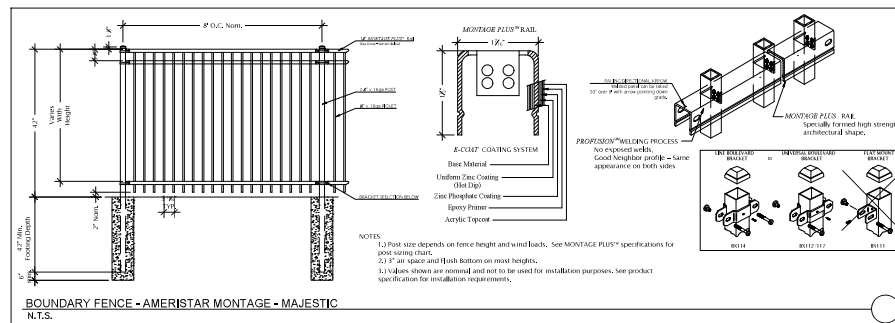
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