



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION New Business

MEETING DATE: March 16, 2023
PREPARED BY: Ben Jaszewski, Parks and Planning Superintendent
AGENDA ITEM: 2023 Play Equipment Replacement Program

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

At their December 2022 meeting the Board approved the annual budget which includes funding for the 2023 Recreation Equipment Replacement program.

RECOMMENDED PARK BOARD ACTION:

Motion to approve the play equipment and area design for Lakeview Knolls, Goldenrod Marsh, Fish Lake Woods, and Forestview Ponds.

Motion to approve the proposal from Landscape Structures and Flagship Recreation for the purchase and installation of play equipment at Lakeview Knolls, Goldenrod Marsh, Fish Lake Woods, and Forestview Ponds.

COMMENTS:

For the 2023 play equipment replacement program staff has continued to utilize a collaborative design process that included the Board, vendor, staff and residents from each neighborhood. This approach has been very popular with our residents and has produced creative solutions for the replacement program.

We have had great participation from park neighbors over the past few years. The play equipment design team, Board Members Syhre and Coss, Parks and Planning Superintendent, and representatives from Flagship Recreation met to develop the recommended plans. Typically, staff would engage neighborhood residents in person, but elected to conduct engagement over the winter months in order to ensure delivery and installation in 2023. This year staff utilized social media, a postcard mailer, and an online form to gather resident feedback. Most comments were positive, but residents asked questions about surfacing, and how designs are conducted to include all age ranges. Staff is developing an FAQ page, to post on the city website to answer general questions that came up during the community engagement process. Going forward staff will conduct community engagement for

playgrounds in the fall of the year to ensure delivery and installation happens within the following budget year.

The Park Board utilizes cooperative purchasing through the state contract to procure play equipment and installation. This process allows the Board to select the vendor of their choice (Landscape Structures) to ensure excellent quality and service. The state of Minnesota allows cooperative purchasing for materials and services as long as the vendor is a member and holds a current contract. Landscape Structures holds a state contract for play equipment so the Park Board can procure this purchase to ensure delivery in 2023.

Costs for each location are as follows:

<u>Lakeview Knolls</u>		<u>Goldenrod Marsh</u>	
Equipment	\$100,579.16	Equipment	\$62,699.84
Installation	\$28,645.42	Installation	\$22,137.64
Surfacing	<u>\$30,226.61</u>	Surfacing	<u>\$26,351.48</u>
TOTAL	\$159,451.19	TOTAL	\$111,188.96
<u>Fish Lake Woods</u>		<u>Forestview Ponds</u>	
Equipment	\$82,544.24	Equipment	\$76,849.60
Installation	\$16,995.31	Installation	\$22,214.81
Surfacing	<u>\$24,428.02</u>	Surfacing	<u>\$20,773.51</u>
TOTAL	\$123,967.57	TOTAL	\$119,837.92

Following a positive review by the Board, the vendor/contractor is prepared to initiate construction as soon as practical. Delivery dates are expected in August, installation will be completed in fall 2023.

Staff recommends the Board approve the play area designs for Lakeview Knolls, Goldenrod Marsh, Fish Lake Woods, and Forestview Ponds and award the contract to Landscape Structures for the purchase and Flagship Recreation for installation of play equipment. Funding comes from the Recreation Equipment Replacement Fund which is part of the 2023 General Fund Budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A – Lakeview Knolls proposal and rendering
- Attachment B – Goldenrod Marsh proposal and rendering
- Attachment C – Fish Lake Woods proposal and rendering
- Attachment D – Forestview Ponds proposal and rendering
- Attachment E – State Contract and Warranty Info
- Attachment F - Presentation