

MEMO

To: Park Board

From: Greg Vitale, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: June 28, 2016

Re: White Oak Park Playground Replacement

At the previous board meeting, the Park Board approved 2012 Park Bonds in the amount of \$80,000 to be used to purchase a new playground at White Oak Park. This was the original amount that was dedicated to purchase the equipment, but it was never used. At the meeting, it was discussed that \$80,000 should cover the purchase price, but not the installation. The total price for a playground of this size should be in the 130,000 range. However, the prices have been coming in much lower due to end of season closeouts, cooperative purchasing and approved grant pricing.

A total of 10 designs were solicited from 3 different playground companies. The top two designs are from Playcraft Systems and Gametime. Both should cost under \$100,000 after installation, new surfacing and a new playground border. This means that a very manageable amount of no more than \$20,000 more should be needed to cover the remaining costs. This amount can be paid from a number of funds.

Playcraft is offering end of the season pricing. They also have the contract for TCPN, a cooperative purchase organization that the Director of Parks and Recreation joined at the 2016 Illinois Park and Recreation Conference. Gametime is offering Munster a grant for special pricing. The third vendor's pricing is about 30% higher and the designs don't offer as many unique elements.

The Superintendent of Parks and Maintenance will be presenting the top designs at the meeting.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Park Board approve the purchase one of the playground systems as discussed at the board meeting.