



To: Board of Parks and Recreation
From: Mark Heintz, Director of Parks and Recreation
Date: February 17, 2026
Subject: vehicles purchase

Three new ¾ ton trucks are being sought in 2026 for the parks and recreation maintenance fleet. All three have a corresponding trade in replacing the current vehicle unit as noted. These purchases were all included in the 2025 park bond issue collectively budgeted for at \$170,000.

In accordance with the Town's purchasing policy, three separate quotes were sought for each vehicle, which came in as follows:

Vehicle #	Dealer	Proposed Cost (after trade in value)	2025 Park Bond budgeted amount
141	Graff Ford, Burns Harbor IN	\$47,117.00	\$60,000
141	Heuring Ford, Hobart IN	\$50,502.72	
141	Sutton Ford, Matteson IL	\$50,963.00	
143	Graff Ford, Burns Harbor IN	\$47,117.00	\$60,000
143	Heuring Ford, Hobart IN	\$50,502.72	
143	Sutton Ford, Matteson IL	\$45,963.00	
214	Graff Ford, Burns Harbor IN	\$52,117.00	\$50,000
214	Heuring Ford, Hobart IN	\$50,502.72	
214	Sutton Ford, Matteson IL	\$48,963.00	

Combined highlighted totals: \$142,043.00 Budgeted total: \$170,000

Proposals include the vehicle price, government discounts, truck upfitter, and trade-in allowance.

Graff Ford Total: \$47,117.00

Sutton Ford Total: \$94,926.00

The total proposed fees are within budget from the 2025 park bond funding which is available for this purchase.

Recommendation:

Staff is recommending the approval of the purchase of the three replacement vehicles as follows:

truck #141 at a price of \$47,117.00 from Graff Ford in Burns Harbor IN

truck #143 at a price of \$45,963.00 from Sutton Ford in Matteson IL

truck #214 at a price of \$48,963.00 from Sutton Ford in Matteson IL

which would all be paid from the budgeted funds in the 2025 park bond issue.