

MEMO

To: Park Board

From: Greg Vitale, Director of Parks and Recreation

Date: May 21, 2019

Re: Approval of Frank H. Hammond School and Park Playground

The school Town of Munster, the Town of Munster and the Frank H. Hammond School PTO have partnered to replace the aging playgrounds at Frank H. Hammond School and Park. This partnership allows the entities to acquire a more superior design at a much better price than if the two playgrounds were replaced separately. It will be a win-win for the community.

Included in the agenda is the final proposed playground design. There will be two state-of-the art playgrounds. One will feature a futuristic design and the jaw-dropping Global Motion. The other will complement the running track with a fitness concept that includes obstacle course and ninja warrior amenities. Both will feature equipment that are not available at other playgrounds in the area.

The most noticeable change is the relocation of the fitness playground. Per board request, it has been relocated to the footprint of the existing playground. The other changes are subtle and will be presented at the meeting.

This process will require two approvals and two subsequent purchases. The first approval will authorize the purchase of the equipment. The second will award the demo and installation to the most qualified bidder.

Below is the expected timeline:

Authorize purchase of equipment:	May 21
Bid advertisements (7 days apart):	May 22 and May 29
Bid due date and public sealed bid opening:	June 6
Demo and installation bid award (Town only):	June 18
Demolition start date:	As early as June 24
Tentative equipment ship date:	1st week of July
Equipment installation:	2nd week of July or as soon as equipment arrives
School playground completion deadline:	No Later than August 5
Park playground Completion deadline:	No later than August 14

The total project budget is \$200,000. The Parks and Recreation Department will contribute up to \$85,000, the School Town of Munster will contribute up to \$75,000 and the Frank H. Hammond PTO will contribute up to \$40,000. The Munster Parks and Recreation Department budget for the replacement of the park playground was \$130,000 before the partnership.

The equipment purchase price is \$119, 576. This includes a discount of \$9,860.00 from a government cooperative bid membership procurement program. The School Town of Munster and the Munster Parks and Recreation Department will be invoiced equally. The installation cost will be shared up to the agreed upon amounts.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Park Board authorize the purchase of the Frank H. School and Park playground equipment from Landscape Structures at a cost of \$59,788.