MEMO

To: **Park Board**

From: **Greg Vitale, Director of Parks and Recreation**

Date: **March 17, 2020**

Re: **Replacement of 2010 Chevrolet Colorado**

The 2010 Chevrolet Colorado at Centennial Park was budgeted to be replaced in the 2018 Park Bond. However, after the recent staffing changes took place, it was never replaced because staff was focused on other tasks. The budgeted amount of $25,000 was never spent, so staff would like to move forward with the purchase.

With the assistance of the Public Works Lead Mechanic, specifications were sent to several dealers. The request called for a small pickup truck that would be capable of traversing the pathways at Centennial Park. The following quotes were received:

Company	Location	Model	Price	Notes
Garber Chevrolet	Highland, IN	2021 Chevrolet Colorado	$23,900	Includes $3,625 for the trade and $4,955 municipal discount
Lake Shore Ford	Chesterton, IN	2020 Ranger Super Cab	$24,664	Includes $1,000 for trade and $5,646 municipal discount
Heuring Ford	Hobart, IN	2020 Ford F-150	$30,205	Includes $3,200 for the trade

The difference between the two lowest quotes is only $764. The staff carefully evaluated the vehicle options to determine which truck offers more value. In the end, both vehicles have the same warranty, similar gas mileage and comparable options. The decision boils down to the lower price and the shorter distance needed for potential warranty work.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Park Board authorize the purchase of the 2021 Chevrolet Colorado from Garber Chevrolet in the amount of $23,900.