To:	Board of Parks and Recreation
From:	Mark Heintz – Director of Parks and Recreation
Date:	December 7, 2021
Re:	Pool boiler

The pool boiler (aka pool heater) was one of the items that was noted by parks maintenance staff to look at during the off season at the pool. This was due in part to the unit failing during the summertime, making repairs to the system in excess of $1,000 per year, internal manifolds rotting, a continued difficulty to acquire repair parts and the expectation that a newer unit would be more efficient. The current unit was the original unit at the pool and has performed for twenty pool seasons. Most commercial HVAC units have a lifespan of 15-20 years.

Kevin Dark, Supt. of Parks Operations, was informed late last week from one of our contractors of an estimated 20% increase in pricing for 2022 by the manufacturer. We quickly tried to get quotes for this work hoping for 2021 pricing. With a deadline of December 10th to issue purchase orders from the Town for 2021, this became an urgent matter to save additional dollars. Kevin had originally expected a new unit to cost around $40,000.

This project was budgeted for in our capital improvement list for the 2021 Town GO bond as submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer's office. It was removed from the 2021 Town GO bond and was suggested that we could use existing bond issue balance funds for Community Park from the 2019 park bond.

With the short time from when we started to work on pricing for this project, the inability to approve any project pricing for more than $20,000 by staff, and the deadline to issue a purchase order, we were unable to get any comparable quotes from other vendors prior to today's meeting.

At this time, we have received one proposal for a replacement pool boiler. We are still awaiting two other quotes this week. Staff is confident that the current proposal is a good price for this work and will save money by getting this ordered in 2021 but wants to receive the other quotes in case there is further savings.

Recommendation:

Staff is recommending that the Board authorize the Director to award the purchase and installation of a replacement pool boiler at a not to exceed cost of $42,000 which would be paid for from the 2019 Park bond proceeds for Community Park and to authorize staff to execute the proposal with the lowest and most responsive and responsible quote.