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Communication No. 10-184
Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Director of
Parks and Recreation

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving purchase of new boat rental dock for Gray's Lake Park.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval to purchase a new boat rental dock for Gray's Lake Park from VW Dock Company, Scott Chambers, President, P.O. Box 343 Spirit Lake, IA 51360 in the amount of \$28,330

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$28,330

Funding Source: PKS140, CP040PKS990000, FY 2010-11, Capital Improvements Budget, Park Improvements page-12.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This boat rental dock installation on the southwest corner of Grays Lake is part of the implementation of the Gray's Lake Park Master Plan. With this third dock, boat rental space will increase and alleviate rental boat congestion on the existing rental dock. The current dock is not large enough to handle all the rental boats Parks and Recreation has available at Gray's Lake Park. Also with this increased rental dock space, additional sailboats and other watercraft can be made more available to the public for rental.

Staff researched other styles of docks including a modular dock system which would have been approximately 8% cheaper. Due to the aesthetics at the lake and an entirely different ramp system necessary for the modular dock to anchor to the existing boardwalk along the shore, it was determined that the new dock being of the same type design and materials as the existing docks at Gray's Lake Park was the better choice. It would also mirror the appearance of the dock used by the rowing club, which is the low straight dock on the eastside of the central dock. All docks are constructed of a metal frame with plastic floatation devices and recycled composite decking with similar assembled ramps that are pinned to the boardwalk allowing them to raise and lower with the fluctuations of the lake.

The dock is being purchased as a sole source purchase to achieve the same construction, performance, and appearance of the existing docks. In order to match the existing dock, VW Dock Company, the original manufacture of the docks will be contracted to build and deliver the new boat dock.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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