


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	20-315	Meeting:	July 13, 2020
	Agenda Item:	52D	Roll Call:	[_____]
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the purchase of playground equipment for Weeks Middle School Park.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the purchase of the Weeks Middle School Park playground equipment from Landscape Structures of Deleno, Minnesota, (Steve King, Founder, Chairman of the Board, 601 7th Street South Delano, MN 55328).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$67,580

Funding Source: 2020-21 CIP, Page Park – 30, Weeks School Park Improvements, PK188, Being \$67,580 in G.O. Bonds issued

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The City and the School District, in conjunction with Weeks Middle School staff and neighborhood residents, following a series of public meetings and meetings with the Weeks Middle School's leadership, teachers and students, established a mutually agreed to conceptual plan indicating improvements to be constructed at the site.
- The proposed improvements are mutually beneficial to both the City and the School District, as it helps the City accomplish the adopted LiveDSM goal of every resident being within a 10-minute walk of a park or recreation facility and will provide the School District with exterior improvements not feasible within their current funding projections.
- Currently, approximately 69% of Des Moines residents live within a 10-minute walk from a park or trail; however, much of the area surrounding Weeks Middle School does not currently have a park within that 10-minute walk, so it was identified as a good candidate to improve the school grounds for use as a public park.
- As a result of this project, it is estimated that an additional 3,550 people will now have a high-quality park within a 10-minute walk of their home, helping to reach the LiveDSM goal of ensuring all people have access to high-quality parks and trails near their home.
- Overall improvements underway by the contractor include clearing and grubbing, Class 10 excavation, storm sewer installation, Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) pavement, prefabricated

shelters, rubber surfacing, pavement markings, traffic control, fencing, seeding, and miscellaneous associated work including cleanup and restoration; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 613-111/127, located at Weeks Middle School, 901 E. Park Avenue.

- Installation of the playground equipment is planned for Friday, August 21, 2020.



Weeks Middle School Park Playground

Playground Location



Weeks Middle School Park Playground

Opening Fall 2020

Concept Graphic



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 1, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-0290](#) and [20-0291](#)

Action: [On](#) Weeks Middle School Park Improvements: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, Engineer's estimate and designating lowest responsible bidder as GTG Construction, LLC (Tracy D. Grasso, Owner/Managing Partner), \$691,424.55. ([Council Communication No. 20-062](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

(A) [Approving](#) contract and bond and permission to sublet. Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Anticipated actions include partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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