

The Special Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order by President Caron at 7:02pm at the Jewett Park Community Center. Attendance was taken and the following were:

Present: Brown, Caron, Cohen, Patinkin, Serota (5)  
Absent: None (0)

And there was a quorum in attendance. Also present were Jeff Nehila, Secretary/Executive Director; Jay Zahn, staff member.

**MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

**Purchase Approval – Keller Park Playground Equipment**

Motion made by Vice-President Cohen, seconded by Treasurer Patinkin, to approve the purchase of specified playground equipment for Keller Park from BCI Burke Company, LLC through the Equalis Group national cooperative purchasing program in the total amount of \$89,990.00. This includes a play structure for 2–5-year-olds, a play structure for 5-12-year-olds, independent play apparatuses and age-appropriate swings. Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Cohen, Patinkin, Brown, Serota, Caron (5)  
NAYS: None (0)  
Motion passed in a roll call vote.

**Shepard Park Renovation Project Bid Review**

The district received village approval to renovate Shepard Park. The project scope includes 2 new ballfields, a paved trail, expanded parking and up to 6 pickleball courts. Upon approval, the project went out to bid on April 5 and bid(s) were opened on April 27, 2022. The bid package included 2 new ballfields, a paved trail, expanded parking and 4 pickleball courts. These items were part of the district’s bond issuance related project in relation to funds to cover the expense of the project. The initial engineer’s estimate last fall was \$560,000. The bid package also included 2 alternates. One alternate was for the addition of 2 more pickleball courts. The other was for an underground drainage system throughout the park. Both alternates provide opportunity for the district not to return to the park and add these desired features at a later date. The projected cost of the alternates was \$100,000 for the pickleball courts and \$58,000 for the drainage component.

The base bid received was \$796,299.75. Alternate one for 2 more pickleball courts was \$91,769.75. Alternate two for drainage was \$136,710.00. After conferring with Gewalt Hamilton, the pricing within some line items were well above anticipated pricing even with an inflationary factor. Gewalt believes, and staff concurs, that re-bidding the project, with some changes in specifications would be the most advantageous path the district should pursue to receive more competitive bids. If the board agrees to reject the one bid received, the project can immediately go out to bid and updated bid(s) can be reviewed, and a possible award can be decided upon at the June 16 Regular Board meeting.

Motion made by Vice-President Cohen, seconded by Treasurer Patinkin, to reject the one bid received from Hacienda Landscaping for \$796,299.75 for the Shepard Park Renovation project and re-bid the project.

Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Cohen, Patinkin, Brown, Serota, Caron (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a roll call vote.

Motion made by Vice-President Cohen, seconded by Treasurer Patinkin, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:29pm. Voice vote as follows:

AYES: Cohen, Patinkin, Brown, Serota, Caron (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Motion passed in a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeff Nehila, Secretary