



CITY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

DATE: October 22, 2024

SUBJECT: Motion to approve athletic field renovations services via City of Weston's RFP NO. 2019-13 for Parks Maintenance Services, Parks Group A: Regional Park and Heron Park; awarded to Juniper Landscaping of Florida, LLC; as well as the purchase of baseball and softball field materials via Ewing Irrigation supplies Lee County contract B240216WCD purchase of bald field clay products and conditioners for the combined amount of \$155,523.17 for FY25's Suellen H. Fardelmann Cooper City Sports Complex and Bill Lips Sports Complex baseball and softball renovations.

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends approval for FY25's baseball and softball renovation projects for \$155,523.17 to Juniper Landscaping of Florida. This will provide our residents with new playing surfaces and further the safety of playing baseball and softball safely.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

With the 2024 baseball and softball seasons ending, we have identified and are looking to address multiple safety concerns and playing field issues as soon as possible. Our community users have had too many cancellations and field safety complaints. We also want to provide solutions for drainage, uneven playing surfaces, clay runoff, and improve the dugout appearance.

Suellen H. Fardelmann Complex: The built-up infield lips are a safety concern and playability for young athletes, and the park aesthetics have suffered due to clay runoff caused by rain. \$59,000 from the LW 751 Grant supplements the funding for Suellen H. Fardelmann Cooper City Sports Complex.

Bill Lips Park: Converting softball field four into a regulation softball field.

ANALYSIS:

Playing surface renovations are crucial to ensure the safe play of all sports and further our mission to have athletic fields that prioritize inclusivity and recreational enjoyment. Additionally, the revitalization of the appearance of our baseball and softball fields confirms to our community that we are utilizing their investment to further our work and provide them with what they deserve "Someplace Special."

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This item supports the 2022-2027 Commission Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

Priority 3, A Strong Sense of Place- Establish “a strong sense of place” through the creation of unique spaces that foster community pride, increase social interaction and commercial marketability to improve economic stability, increase property values, and impact the memories of Cooper City residents:

- **Objective 2:** Focus on the Health and Community pillars of the Parks & Recreation strategic plan to increase social interaction and promote the well-being of Cooper City residents.
- **Performance Measures 4:** 80% satisfaction rate with recreational experiences

Priority 4, Citywide Revitalization Priority- Maintain and improve the City’s infrastructure and appearance to support and ensure a sustainable and beautiful environment:

- **Objective 2:** Assess the appearance of citywide parks and green spaces and make enhancements where needed to meet the community’s needs.
- **Performance Measures 2:** Landscaping is rejuvenated and restored to the original site developmental plants

FISCAL IMPACT:

There are already \$21,523 in expenditures for the Baseball Renovations Project. This line item is strictly for The Suellen Fardelmann Sports Complex as per the LWCF Grant for \$59,000, with an additional \$59,000 city match. We’ve yet to incur any costs in the 535143 line item in FY25, but there is an \$82,960 encumbrance from PO 2024-8624 for Bermuda Celebration Sod.

| <u>General Ledger Acct. Number</u> | <u>Budgeted Amount</u> | <u>Requested Amount</u> | <u>Remaining Amount</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 300-314-563310-572-BASEB | \$118,000 | \$90,618.70 | \$ 5,858.30 |
| 001-314-535143-572 | \$157,500 | \$19,405.91 | \$138,094.09 |
| 001-314-531210-572 | \$142,200 | \$45,498.56 | \$ 96,701.44 |

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit 1 – Regional Park Executed Agreement 2020-06
- Exhibit 2 – Weston #78972 – Resolution No. 2023-16
- Exhibit 3 – B240216WCD Ewing Irrigation Supply Fully Executed - OCR
- Exhibit 4 – Juniper 2024 SHFCCSC Field Renovation Quote
- Exhibit 5 – Ewing Irrigation Supply SHFCCSC Softball Field Conditioner & Top Dressing Quote
- Exhibit 6 – Juniper 2024 Bill Lips Field Renovations Quote
- Exhibit 7 – Ewing Irrigation Supply Bill Lips Field Conditioner & Top Dressing Quote
- Exhibit 8 – Juniper Weston 2025 Pricing