



City of Hartford * County of Van Buren * State of Michigan

TO: Mayor Danger and the Hartford City Commission

FROM: Nicol Pulluiam, City Manager

DATE: November 24, 2025

RE: APPROVAL OF ELY PARK CONSTRUCTION BIDS

ITEM BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

The item before the Commission is to approve the construction bids for Ely Park Improvements to Play Environment Design for playground equipment and BG Construction and Engineering.

DISCUSSION:

The city issued a request for proposals (RFP) but received only one bid, which was higher than both the estimated budget and the available grant amount. Engineers and CMF recommended that the city rebid the project by separating the playground equipment from the construction work in the park and parking lot. Additionally, six alternates were bid separately to provide the city with options in case the base construction bids came in under budget.

The scored bids consist of the following:

Base Construction:

- Kalleward 40 pts
- Brussee/Brady 75 pts
- E&L 100 pts
- BG Construction 60 pts

Items that will be completed in the construction, electrical, walkways, parking lot, fence/screening, some landscape (Christmas tree), and the wellhouse improvements.

Playground Companies:

- Kinetic Recreation 50 pts
- Penchura, LLC 65 pts

- Play Environment Design 100 pts
- Sinclair Recreation 80 pts
- BG Construction & Eng 60 pts

Items to be completed include playground equipment and park furnishings.

The engineers, Abonmarche, recommended the qualified scoring, bid tabs, and lowest bids to Play Environment for \$168,042 and BG Construction & Engineering for \$455,169.

The shelter and restroom improvements will exceed the project budget; therefore, they're not part of the scope of work.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City of Hartford City Commission approves the construction bids for Ely Park Improvements: Play Environment Design (\$168,042) for playground equipment and BG Construction & Engineering (\$455,169). Also, give the city manager authority to execute the contracts.