



Report to Village Board

Item Name: Buska Park Playground Fundraising RFP

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Referring Body: CLIPP

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Buska Park playground is in need of replacement, the existing playground structure is over 30 years old, the wood is splintering and parts are wearing out. A new playground will cost over \$100,000, and we don't have enough money in a fund or enough in our budget to purchase a new structure. So, my plan is to fundraise to gather enough money to purchase a new playground. My goal is to raise roughly \$150,000, which will cover the costs of removal of the old playground, purchasing a new playground, and the woodchip surface below the playground. In order to start the process of raising the money, I need to have plans in place for a new playground, in order to have that I need a playground manufacturer to have renderings of the new playground. The proceeding RFPs from six playground manufacturers have said they would like to help in the design, fundraising, and construction of the new playground. We need to select one manufacturer to help with the entire process.

The six manufacturers all submitted details about their company and references, while some put in designs that would work at the park. We are not selecting a manufacturer specifically because of the submitted design as we will change the design many times before construction. We are looking to hire a manufacturer based on warranty, availability of parts, and good customer service. While each manufacturer has its own playground style, that shouldn't be the sole basis of selecting one manufacturer.

The company's that submitted are:

- GRG Playscapes
- MWP Recreation
- Boland Recreation
- Northland Recreation
- Gerber Leisure
- Lee Recreation

CLIPP recommended Lee Recreation for full approval to the Village Board.