

# MEMORANDUM



**TO:** JEFF HERCZEG, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
**FROM:** REBECCA RUNKEL, PROJECT ENGINEER  
**SUBJECT:** JESSICA'S SPLASH PAD CONSTRUCTION AWARD  
**DATE:** MARCH 23, 2023

Mayor and Council,  
An update on  
Jessica's Splash Pad  
is below. A bid  
award will be  
forthcoming to City  
Council  
- Victor

Planning and design of Jessica's Splash Pad have been underway since early 2022. The splash pad, which will honor former FOX 2 Meteorologist Jessica Starr-Rose, will be located at the Bosco Fields Park off of Beck Road, south of 11 Mile Road. The splash pad project consists of multiple features, including:

- Splash pad installation - equipment provided by Vortex
- Combined restroom facility and mechanical operations building
- Outdoor shower enclosure
- Wooden pedestrian bridge
- Gateway entrance arch
- Pergolas (2)
- Concrete walkway
- Gravel access route
- Utility connections (water, sanitary) – service leads to be installed by City contractor, D & D Water & Sewer
- Stormwater conveyance
- Paved ADA accessible parking spaces
- Benches, tables, chairs, trash receptacles
- Decorative fencing
- Synthetic grass surface
- Landscaping and irrigation system

Engineering design plans were completed by City consultant, OHM Advisors, and the project was recently advertised for public bids. Two complete bids were received and opened on March 13, 2023. The low bidder, DeAngelis Diamond Construction, will be recommended for the construction award at the April 3, 2023, City Council meeting.

During last year's budget process, the total construction costs were estimated at \$1,500,000. The low bid came in higher than anticipated, nearly at \$2,000,000. Based on the bids received and conversations with prospective bidders, the following may have contributed to the increase in cost:

- Accelerated construction schedule (operational completion by 8/25/2023)
- Limited availability of materials and resources
- Small size of work relative to number of trades/subcontractors needed
- Project complexity



Staff recommends moving forward with the construction award to the low-bidder to meet the soft opening deadline in late August 2023.