

VILLAGE OF ROSCOE

AGENDA ITEM - STAFF REPORT



Agenda Item: Playground Safety Mulch Installation

Date: 07/02/2024

Meeting: Village Board

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Department: Public Works

Overview/Background Information

The Village has received three quotes for the installation of safety mulch for the playgrounds at Swanson Park, Ralston Park, Porter Park, Leland Park, and Chicory Park. The lowest quote is for \$33,202.50 from Homer Industries. All of these playgrounds need to be raised 6"-8" with safety mulch to keep them at their safest in the fall zones.

Homer Industries will supply 699 cubic yards (9 semi's) of safety mulch and will install at all the parks with a machine that blows the mulch into the playground. This type of installation (blowing in the safety mulch) is best way to install safety mulch by the quickness and least amount of labor.

Key Issues

- Should be done every 3-5 years (All of playground)
- Public Works addresses safety mulch each year to just the dug-out area's (swings and slides)
- Best way to install safety mulch in playgrounds

Fiscal Note/Budget Impact

There is \$60,000 budgeted in this account

Prior Legislative Actions

First (1st) Reading

Action Required/Recommendation

Staff would like to recommend to suspend the rules for 1st reading at the Committee of the Whole as staff would like this work to be done while the playgrounds are in the highest use since school is out. Also, staff would like to suspend the rules of going out to bid since this is specialty work with only a couple of businesses offering to blow in the safety mulch.

Staff recommends Homer Industries for the playground safety mulch and installation for the quoted amount of \$33,202.50

Attachments

- Quote from Homer Industries
- Quote from Nason's Landscaping
- Quote from S&H Nursery