

City of Spring Lake Park Staff Report



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October 5, 2026		Pending	
Requestor		Agenda Section	
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Agenda Item			
Terrace Park Drainage Improvements – Quote Results			
Executive Summary			
The City solicited quotes for drainage improvements at Terrace Park to address ongoing wet field conditions. The proposed work includes installation of drain tile, storm sewer improvements, restoration, and related site work. Seven quotes were received, ranging from \$113,689.50 to \$172,246.26. Valley-Rich Co., Inc. submitted the low quote of \$113,689.50. The second- and third-lowest quotes were \$114,149.93 and \$118,458.95, respectively, which indicates the low quote is consistent with the current market cost for the project. The quotes are approximately twice what staff had anticipated. A significant factor in the higher cost is the need to dewater the field during construction due to groundwater and saturated soil conditions. Staff is seeking City Council guidance on whether to proceed with the project as quoted, modify the scope, postpone the work, or not proceed at this time.			
Background			
The proposed Terrace Park Drainage Improvements Project was developed to improve drainage in a portion of the park that has experienced persistent wet conditions. Stantec prepared plans and requested quotes from nine utility contractors. Seven quotes were received by the September 29, 2026 deadline. The project includes approximately 513 linear feet of perforated drain pipe, storm sewer connections and structures, erosion control, pavement and fencing work, topsoil, seeding, restoration, and dewatering. The low bidder included \$12,240 for dewatering as part of its \$113,689.50 quote.			

The pricing received was substantially higher than anticipated when the project was initially considered. Based on the consistency of the three lowest quotes, staff does not believe the higher cost is attributable to a single contractor's pricing.

Board/Commission Review

The Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the proposed Terrace Park drainage improvements and recommended approval of the project. The Commission noted that, in their current condition, the fields remain saturated and difficult to play on for significant periods following rain events. The Commission believes the proposed drainage improvements would improve field usability and reduce the amount of time the fields remain unavailable after wet weather.

Financial Impact

This amount is approximately twice the level staff had anticipated for the project and would require additional funding beyond what was originally contemplated. If the Council wishes to proceed, staff will identify an appropriate funding source and bring any necessary budget adjustment back for approval.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council review the quote results and provide direction on how to proceed with the Terrace Park Drainage Improvements Project. Options include proceeding with the low quote of \$113,689.50, directing staff and the City Engineer to evaluate potential scope reductions or alternatives, postponing the project to a future year, or choosing not to proceed with the project at this time

Attachments

1. Stantec quote results