

## **Item 23-1004: Request to award the 2023 Memorial Park Miracle League Field Resurfacing Project contract to Kiefer U.S.A.**

**Finance Committee**

Mon, Aug 21, 2023 5:30PM

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:00**

Action Item 23-1004 request to award the 2023 Memorial Park miracle league field resurfacing project contract to Kiefer USA in the amount of \$279,000 with a 5% contingency of \$13,950 for a project not to exceed \$292,950.

**Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 04:21**

Move to approve.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 04:22**

Second.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:23**

All right, we have a motion and a second. Any comments or questions? Alder Fenton.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:23**

Okay. Deputy Director Flick, could—may I direct my questions to him?

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:26**

Yes.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 04:29**

Okay. So, a question is obviously back in June we rejected a higher bid than this. And Goodwill's budget was only \$175,000. Was there a negotiation wherein the contractor came in with a slightly lower bid and Goodwill found some more money in their budget or what sort of machinations made this happen?

**Deputy Director Tom Flick (Parks and Rec) 04:59**

We changed the scope of the project. So instead of going with a 10-millimeter thickness for a rubber coating, we went down to a six-millimeter coating on the surface. Goodwill accepted that thickness as an appropriate surface for their patrons to play on. And then they raise their budget in order to approve the six-millimeter thickness instead of the 10. So, they have committed to the funds. To do so we reduce the thickness of the surface.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 05:31**

May I follow up?

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 05:32**

Please.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 05:33**

Okay, thank you, Chair. So, question in terms of the life of the surface, how is going from 10 millimeters to 6 going to affect how often we're going to have to do this again?

**Deputy Director Tom Flick (Parks and Rec) 05:46**

So, the warranty is not affected. And the life expectancy does not change from 10 millimeters to 6 millimeters. It's just the softness of the surface that will change. So, 10 millimeters would be a lot softer. Six, a little less softer, but their—their meaning goodwill—they accept that difference in softness as being acceptable playing conditions for their patrons.

**Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 06:09**

Okay, thank you. Appreciate it.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:12**

Alder Hartzheim.

**Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 06:13**

Thank you, chair. May I direct to Deputy Director Flick? The six-millimeter kind of scares me a little bit. But more than that, there were some very large divots and puddles and that sort of thing. Is that all going to be taken care of as well in this particular overall bid?

**Deputy Director Tom Flick (Parks and Rec) 06:34**

Yes. So, the existing rubber surface will be removed and the potholes that are currently in the asphalt as the subsurface will be filled in, smoothed out. And then the new surface will be put on.

**Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 06:45**

Excellent. Thank you.

**Aldersperson Brad Firkus (District 3) 06:47**

All right, anyone else? Seeing none, we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor? Aye. Opposed? Abstentions? Motion passes four to zero.