

MEMORANDUM M18-014

TO: Buildings & Grounds Committee
FROM: Dean Bostrom, Executive Director
Dustin Hugen, Director of Parks and Facilities Services
SUBJECT: **Parks Services Mowers**
DATE: February 7, 2018

Background

The 2018 capital budget has provided \$118,000 for the purchase of two separate mowers designed for specific applications needed by the District.

Department staff researched and tested various machines designed for two separate functions of our turf maintenance program which include production and quality. In the District's common areas, which make up the vast majority of the turf, a machine is needed that can mow both aggressively and quickly as well as travel singularly on the road.

Likewise the turf in our athletic fields require a machine specifically designed to mow at much lower heights with less impact to provide a higher quality playing surface for the athletes. Having this second, more application-specific machine will allow us to optimize our mowing schedule and provide the users with a much better overall playing experience.

Implications

Parks department staff evaluated various mowers from all major manufacturers and determined that the Toro Groundsmaster 5900-D and 3500-D would be the best fit. After checking competitive prices, staff is recommending purchasing through Illinois State Contract Pricing and National IPA Contract Pricing which would meet the District's bid requirements. We located a suitable purchase partner through the National IPA (account #NIPA0826) for the Toro Groundsmaster 3500-D for **\$31,846.96**. Using the Illinois State Contract, we would purchase the Toro Groundsmaster 5900-D for **\$78,463.50**. Both units are manufactured by Toro and are available through the Illinois vendor Reinders Inc. The following mowers are the units mentioned above.

- (1) 2018 Toro Groundsmaster 5900-D General Production Mower (\$78,463.50)**
- (1) 2018 Toro Groundsmaster 3500-D Athletic Fields Mower (\$31,846.96)**

Recommendations

Staff recommends awarding a contract in the total amount of **\$110,310.46** for the purchase of (1) Toro Groundsmaster 5900-D and (1) Toro Groundsmaster 3500-D mower to Reinders of Franklin Park, Illinois.