

SYCAMORE PARK DISTRICT

Board of Commissioners

Date of Board Meeting: March 24, 2015

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

AGENDA ITEM: PURCHASE OF 16 FOOT WIDE RIDING MOWER

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The 2015 approved capital budget included the purchase of a new large scale 16 foot wide mower for use at the golf course, parks, or sports complex. Four of these types of mowers are currently used throughout the Park District, the oldest of which is twenty-eight years old and the newest mower is nine years old. The new mower would replace the oldest mower in the regular mowing circuit. The older mower will then be used as a backup in case of a breakdown or when an extra mower is needed at times when staff cannot keep up with the mowing demand due to weather issues or during surge growth. The older mower is experiencing frame, engine, and body fatigue which have become more difficult and expensive to repair as some parts are less available and more difficult to acquire.

We received two price quotes for a mower from Toro and Jacobsen equipment both of which came from municipal pre-negotiated contracts which fulfill all legal purchasing obligations for the Park District. The Toro price of \$70,391 is from the State of Illinois Purchasing Contract. The Jacobsen price of \$73,348.75 is from the National Joint Purchasing Agreement. We look for approval of the Toro mower. The price includes the mower, a road light/signal package, and a leaf mulching kit for fall cleanup, and delivery.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$70,391 from the capital budget. \$72,000 was allotted for this purchase in the 2015 capital budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of purchase for a new Toro 5900 Grounds Master turf mower.

PREPARED BY: Jeff Donahoe, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEW/APPROVAL:

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BOARD ACTION: