

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION: PARKS
April 2, 2024

8:16pm

Council Member Dosa has been in communication with Rob and Eric from Playground Equipment Services (PES). The hope is to get in temporary pieces of playground equipment while working toward a more permanent application for the park. Temporary pieces are \$1,000/year with 5 different showroom options that are currently at their location in storage. Photos were provided to council. Mrs. Dosa has reached out to PES because the installation of these pieces of equipment are more expensive than we expected and the hope is that a cost reduction to the installation can be made, or that a single installation fee can be determined (instead of a fee for each piece). The goal is to have something in the park by summer. A question was asked if the city then pays a fee for the equipment pieces are removed. This will be asked of PES and a response will be provided when they have replied. PES will have to do measurements of the area to determine how many equipment pieces can go in the space, as the swings are still in good shape. The guess was around 4 pieces of equipment would fit in the upper playground area.

The benefit to renting the equipment would be the speed in which it could be installed, as well as having a better understanding of which pieces are getting used to better determine what would be best once we decide on something more permanent. Installation could happen as soon as a month from the time council decides to move forward.

A question was asked what the price would be to purchase the rented pieces to keep them permanently. That question has already been asked and we are waiting on a response from PES. Follow up responses are requested for dimensions, fees for rental, space measurements, and questioning if we would need to remove and reinstall different mulch.

Cost for this project would be approximately \$20,000 with \$15,000 of that being installation costs.

There was a question asked how to choose which pieces out of the showroom options.

It was brought up that Nature Works is a grant which is due in June that is mostly complete and just needs to be tweaked to apply for funding for this project. The next opportunity for a grant application would be in November. Nature works only approves one project per county.

A grant writer from ODNR was suggested as someone who may be able to take a look at it. We are also looking at the process for getting someone in specifically for grant writing.

A question was asked about the WeThrive grant, and if they may be willing to sponsor a year of the rental fee.

In addition to the discussion about the parks project, there was a mention of FCC looking for locations to put 10 more soccer pitches. They would likely cover the cost. This would be outside on turf down at the bottom of the park.

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