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# Memorandum

The City of Traverse City  
Engineering Department



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TO: Marty Colburn, City Manager  
FROM: Timothy J. Lodge, City Engineer  
DATE: July 6, 2018  
SUBJECT: Hickory Hills Recreation Area  
Grant Related Site Work Construction Contract

The City has been awarded three grants for work at the Hickory Hills Recreation Area. These include:

1. Michigan Recreation Passport Grant **RP17-0042** (Agreement Authorized)  
Work Scope; Ski or Sledding Hill (4), Lifts (2), Snow Making System, Restoration, Lighting, Bench, Recycle Bins, Paved Parking Lot, Access Pathway
2. Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant **TF17-0072** (Agreement Authorized)  
Work Scope; Recreation Trail, Disc Golf Course, Bench, Landscaping, Paved Parking Lot, Access Pathway
3. Land and Water Conservation Grant **LW17-008** (Agreement Pending)  
Work Scope; Entrance Drive, Paved Parking Lot, Restroom Building, Access Pathway, landscaping, Signage, Bike Rack, Bench, Recycle Bin, Trash bin

Sealed bids were advertised for and were received on July 6, 2018 for work associated with these grants. Plans and specifications were available to contractors through The Builders Exchange of Northwest Michigan. Contractors inquired and viewed the plans and specifications online with three contractors submitting partial bids for this work.

Only one bidder provided a partial bid for Grant RP17-0042. Molon Excavating Inc.'s bid included costs for restoration and for snow making pipe installation in the amount of \$153,044.50. The Engineering Department's cost estimate was \$155,522. No bids were received for the slope lighting.

Two bidders provided bids Grant TF17-0072 for construction of the Nordic trails and related work as noted below:

<b>Contractor</b>		<b>Bid Amount</b>
Molon Excavating Inc.	Traverse City	\$ 90,634.80
Elmer's	Traverse City	\$ 406,484.00

The Engineering Department's preliminary estimate for this work is \$107,000.

Partial bids were received from three contractors for the Grant LW17-008. Two bidders provided bids for the landscaping as noted below:

<b>Contractor</b>		<b>Bid Amount</b>
Molon Excavating Inc.	Traverse City	\$ 87,002.48
Elmer's	Traverse City	\$ 109,835.00

Two bidders provided bids for the site concrete work as noted below:

<b>Contractor</b>		<b>Bid Amount</b>
Molon Excavating Inc.	Traverse City	\$ 79,245.50
Elmer's	Traverse City	\$ 98,244.50

Two bidders provided bids for the parking lot gravel asphalt paving work as noted below:

<b>Contractor</b>		<b>Bid Amount</b>
Rieth-Riley	Grawn	\$ 252,126.20
Elmer's	Traverse City	\$ 213,189.40

The Engineering Department's preliminary estimate for this work is \$62,000, \$75,000 and \$180,000 respectively. No bids were received for the parking lot lighting. Since the Grant Agreement for LW17-008 has not been provided by the State we recommend delaying awarding the contract for this grant at this time.

With Grant RP17-0042 and Grant TF17-0072 we have reviewed the bids received and the low bid contractor's experience with clients on similar projects in the past and found that the low bid contractor is capable of performing the work for this project. Also, Molon Excavating Inc. has been performing the site work on the project. Therefore, it is recommended that this work be awarded to Molon Excavating, Inc., Inc. and that the proper City officials be authorized to execute the necessary paperwork with the above-mentioned low bidder, in the amount of \$243,679.30, more or less, with funds available in the Capital Projects Fund. Our funding partner, Preserve Hickory has concurred with this recommendation.