



Parks & Recreation

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Doug Faseler, City Manager

From: Jack Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation

Through: Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

Date: October 21, 2014

Subject: **Purchase of a playscape from Gametime, c/o Total Recreation, via BuyBoard to be installed at Max Starcke Park East.**

A new large accessible playscape with rubberized fall safety surfacing and various improvements to the existing wooded playscape at Max Starcke Park East was approved as part of the successful Parks Bond Election. As proposed, this will be a BuyBoard purchase.

It is a common practice in Texas for municipalities to purchase playscapes via BuyBoard. BuyBoard is a Local Government Purchasing Cooperative created to increase the purchasing power of government entities. The City of Seguin participates in BuyBoard through an Interlocal Agreement and is permitted to purchase items, such as playscapes, through BuyBoard since all BuyBoard contracts have already gone through the competitive bidding process.

Total Recreation Products is a commercial grade park and playground equipment consulting and design firm that has represented GameTime playscapes since 1992. GameTime was founded in 1929 and they have brought meaningful research around the importance of play to the design, engineering, manufacture, and delivery of play equipment. Their work has elevated industry standards on safety, physical and mental development, inclusion, and intergenerational interaction.

Total Recreation Products has submitted a BuyBoard quote in the amount of \$339,967.99. This price includes the turnkey purchase of the equipment and installation of the accessible playscape as per the attached documents.

Overall, the intent is to keep some of the older wooden play features that are functioning well to have as many playscape features as possible in the park. As proposed, the City will remove the small 2-5 year old wooden play structures and pea gravel located on the west side of the sidewalk that bisects the two play areas. The wooden swing set to the south will remain in addition to the large wooden play structure on the east side of the sidewalk with both being improved by City staff and volunteers next spring.

Staff recommends approval of the purchase of a playscape from GameTime c/o Total Recreation Products, Inc., via BuyBoard, to be installed at Max Starcke Park East.