

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Jay Lerner, Executive Director  
Waukegan Park District

**DATE:** May 28, 2019

**SUBJECT:** **Corrine J. Rose Park**  
**Direct Purchase Recommendation**

In order to complete construction of the splashpad and be consistent with the general construction bidding requirements for the above referenced project, certain elements of the work are to be purchased directly by the Waukegan Park District and assigned to the general contractor for installation.

The required direct purchases include the following items and costs (proposals for all the direct purchase items are attached for information and reference):

<b>ID / Description</b>	<b>Manufacturer</b>	<b>Purchase Program</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1. Playground	Miracle X-Gen	NJPA Coop	NA
2. Shade Structures	Parkreation	HGACBUY – PR11-18	\$ 46,218.00
3. Splash Pad Equipment: Splashtacular		Not Applicable	\$ 627,245.00
4. Ground Splash Pad	Fountain People Reese Recreation	US Communities 20177001134	\$ 238,090.74
5. Fitness Equipment	NuToys	Sourcewell 57953	\$ 17,719.30
6. Shower Building:	ROMTEC	Buy Board 51216	\$ 433,268.31
7. Park Pavilions	ROMTECH	Buy Board 51216	\$ 156,030.67
<b>TOTAL DIRECT PURCHASES</b>			<b>\$ 1,518,572.02</b>

Item 1 was approved and purchased under the NJPA Coop program in 2017 and is included here for reference only.

Items 2,4,5,6 & 7 are intended to be purchased through the cooperative buying program and contract identified with each item. The Park District’s legal counsel is confirming that each program is certified under the proper competitive pricing structure. Based on the Hitchcock Design Group’s experience, we expect the programs will comply. We will provide a status at the Board meeting once counsel has had time to conduct the necessary research.

Mr. Jay Lerner  
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Item 3, was a topic of discussion at the April 6, 2019 Board meeting. The direct purchase of this feature was reviewed by legal counsel. It was concluded that due to its complexity and the highly technical and specialized nature of the product; the fact that it requires services of individuals possessing a high degree of professional skill where the ability of the individual plays an important role in the design; and the production requires a specialized skill and knowledge that cannot be handled by the average pool manufacturer, it is not adaptive to competitive bidding.

We would recommend approval of the direct purchases nos. 2 through 7 as indicated above subject to counsel's confirmation that the individual purchase programs comply.

Should there be questions regarding the direct purchase process or should additional information be required, Eric Hornig of the Hitchcock Design Group and I will be available at the meeting.

**The AT Group, Inc.**

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Jerry Aulisio  
Principal

xc: Eric Hornig (Hitchcock Design Group)