

# Bear Branch Park Playground -RFQ

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# Current Status

- Developed in 2001
- All inclusive playground; poured in place surface
- Replacement Cycle- 15 years
- Focal point of Bear Branch Park
- Resident and Visitor use
- 2017 Master Plan- Phase II
- \$600,000 included Capital Improvement Budget





# RFQ Goals

- High play value (physical, cognitive, and social development);
- Used by all children in the least restrictive environment;
- Attract users to visit the facility multiple times;
- Complementary to the environment;
- Meet all applicable standards;
- Be designed and installed on schedule and within the allocated budget.





# RFQ Process

- Sent to BuyBoard commercial playground vendors
- Scored by certified staff
  - Lone Star Recreation/Landscape Structures- 4.25
  - Total Recreation/Game Time- 3.44
  - McKenna/Park and Play- 3.19
  - Playwell/Play Craft-3.00
  - Fun Abounds/Burke-2.86



# Lone Star Recreation/Landscape Structures

- Highest average score
- Designed/installed 1,167 inclusive playgrounds
- Provider of the current playground
- Provided detailed overview of the approach (concept- approvals-install)
- Component of their company is dedicated to inclusive playground research
- Township has used Lone Star Recreation over the course of the past 20 years in various parks.



# Next Steps

April 2021 - Board of Directors reviews RFQs and selects firm

May – June 2021 - Plan/design development

July 2021 - Board of Directors receives concept plan and cost

August - October 2021 - Manufacture of playground equipment

October- November 2021 – Installation of playground equipment

December 31, 2021 - Project completion



# Recommendation

*It is recommended to proceed with Lone Star Recreation for the design and build of Bear Branch Inclusive Playground and authorize the President/General Manager to execute a construction agreement within the budgeted amount, as approved to final form by the Township Attorney. If negotiations fail with Lone Star Recreation the President/General Manager is authorized to negotiate with the second ranking firm, and so on until a fee can be agreed upon.*

