

## Legislation Text

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**PRESENTER:**

Stacey Dicke, Parks and Recreation Director

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of a contract/purchase with SPEC Inc for purchase of Whole Trees nature play equipment to be located at Fischer Park.

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** 6

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In 2021, City was awarded a \$90,000 grant from NRPA/Niagara Bottling Company to enhance an existing park with nature focus. The City contracted with Stantec to create a site plan for the new equipment. The new nature play space will be located in Timmerman Park southeast of the nature center and ponds off the walking trails. The equipment will resemble trees to provide a free nature play experience on climbing poles, small net structure, and a swing. There is about a 12-15-week lead time and the project is scheduled to begin late August after camps are out for the season.

The TIPS Contract has been vetted thereby satisfying the City's competitive bidding requirement for contracts that exceed \$50,000.00. The cost for the equipment with design and shipping totals \$58,005.70

**ISSUE:**

Purchase of this equipment will provide nature play opportunities for children in our community. The grant award helps to maintain the fiscal stability of the city budget.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This purchase is funded with grant funds, therefore there is no fiscal impact on the FY2021-2022 budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the Whole Trees nature playground equipment through SPECS Inc to be located at Fischer Park.