

# City Council Item

July 13, 2026



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| <b>Item</b>           | Approve Purchase for Playground Equipment Replacement for Stone Creek Park |
| <b>Item No:</b>       | D.16                                                                       |
| <b>Agenda Section</b> | <b><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></b>                                               |
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## **SUGGESTED ACTION**

"The Chanhassen City Council approves the quote from Northland Recreation for \$75,000, Option 2, for the Stone Creek Park Playground Replacement"

## **SUMMARY**

### **Staff Update July 7, 2026**

The Park and Recreation Commission held two Open Houses (May 26 & June 23) to solicit feedback from the Stone Creek Park neighborhood on their preferred replacement playground concept. The city also made the playground concepts available on the Stone Creek Park project page where Stone Creek residents could vote on their favorite option, which many did. After neighborhood feedback, staff asked Northland Recreation to develop two additional options that included play elements for younger age children. The neighborhood was then asked to vote on their favorite concept that included the original concept as it was presented as well as the two new options. A total of 91 votes were received online and at the June 23 Open House, and 49 people voted (54%) for Option 2, which the Park and Recreation Commission recommended to City Council for approval.

### **Staff Report Park and Recreation Commission Meeting - June 23, 2026**

Thank you for hosting the Stone Creek Park neighborhood open house at your Tuesday, May 26 meeting. The neighbors reviewed and voted on the 4 vendor concepts with the Northland Recreation concept being the clear favorite receiving more than 80% of the vote and that's what the commission recommended for approval to the City Council.

Following the open house, the city heard concerns from residents that the Northland Recreation concept picked lacked play elements for younger children, particularly those under age 5. As a result, the city

has asked Northland Recreation to develop additional concepts with a larger age range of play opportunities. Another postcard was mailed out with the updated project information, and the neighborhood will be able to vote again on their preferred concept. The options will include the original concept and the new concepts. Another open house is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23 at 5:30 p.m. at Chanhassen City Hall in the Training Room. If residents can't make it to the meeting and they would like to vote on the new concept, images will be uploaded and available for viewing from June 18-23 using the QR code to get to the Stone Creek Park project page.

Hopefully this won't create a lot of extra work with the extra open house. The assumption is many residents will choose to review the concepts online and the open house will likely have similar numbers of participants as May.

## **BACKGROUND**

This year's Park Renovation Fund contains \$110,000 for a variety of work to be completed as a part of the city's priorities. The \$110,000 budget has been distributed between Stone Creek and Carver Beach Park for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment, engineered wood fiber, and associated restoration costs at Stone Creek and supplemental playground equipment at Carver Beach Park. For Stone Creek, five playground vendors were selected to participate in the RFP process providing playground equipment designs. Vendors were selected based on past performance and equipment quality. Four vendors elected to submit proposals for consideration.

Postcards were sent to both the Stone Creek and Carver Beach neighborhoods informing them of the open houses on Tuesday, May 26. An online option was available for the Stone Creek residents to vote on a preferred playground design prior to the meeting if they couldn't make the open house. Results were made available during the May 26 meeting. The Carver Beach open house was more interactive, with the playground vendor present, working through options with neighbors present.

## **DISCUSSION**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

"The Chanhassen City Council approves the quote from Northland Recreation for \$75,000, Option 2, for the Stone Creek Park Playground Replacement"

## **ATTACHMENTS**

[Chanhassen Stone Creek Park Quote](#)

[Stone Creek Park Option 2](#)

[Stone Creek Park Option 2 2D](#)

[Stone Creek Park Postcard 2026](#)

[Stone Creek Park Postcard 2026 Project Update June](#)

[Sample RFP](#)

[Northland Recreation Option C-4](#)

[Northland Recreation Option C-5](#)

[Stone Creek Park Option 1](#)

[Stone Creek Park Option 1 2D](#)

[Stone Creek Park Option 3](#)

[Stone Creek Park Option 3 2D](#)