



TO: Gahanna City Council
Jeremy VanMeter, Clerk of Council

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Kevin Schultz, Senior Director of Operations
Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin

Cc: Priya Tamilarasan, City Attorney
Joann Bury, Director of Finance

DATE: June 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Dept. of Parks & Recreation Request for Council Action (June 15, 2026 COTW Meeting)

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM #1: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF THE FRIENDSHIP PARK PLAYGROUND

Friendship Park is one of the City's most heavily utilized parks, serving both daily drop-in visitors and a variety of programmed activities, including summer camps and community events. The playground at Friendship Park has reached the end of its service life and requires replacement.

Consistent with the commitments outlined in the Parks Master Plan and reflected in the Capital Improvement Plan (PK-25-201), the replacement of the Friendship Park playground presents an opportunity to enhance play experiences, elevate park standards, and improve accessibility and inclusivity for all users. Input from residents, Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools, and experts in inclusive play was incorporated throughout the design process to help ensure the playground meets the needs of a diverse range of users while providing a fun and engaging play experience.

The project will be completed utilizing the OMNIA Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for the purchase and installation of the playground equipment. The cost of this replacement is \$893,900, which includes a 5% contingency for any unexpected expenses. A donation of \$10,000 was received from the Gahanna Kiwanis to pay for a portion of the project. The City has also received a pledge in the amount of \$25,000 from the Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation to be used towards this project. A separate action item requesting supplemental appropriations for these donations follows.

The Administration respectfully requests a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with PlayCore for the purchase and installation of the Friendship Park playground.

Requested Legislation and Funding:

Legislation Needed: Resolution

Emergency/Waiver: N/A



Vendor Name: PlayCore Wisconsin Inc. dba GameTime
Vendor Address: P.O. Box 208, Harrison, OH 45030
Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts): 325.06.550.5510 & 325.06.550.5500
Supplemental/Transfer (Amounts & Accounts): See Action Item #2

Attachments:

PR-ATT Friendship Park Omnia Agreement

Approvals:

- This item has been approved by the Mayor
- This item has been approved by the Director of Finance
- This item has been sent to the City Attorney for approval

ACTION ITEM #2: ORDINANCE FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

The Gahanna Parks & Recreation Foundation has pledged \$25,000 to be used towards the replacement of the Friendship Park Playground (PK-25-201). The Administration is seeking supplemental appropriations while these funds are awaiting receipt. Upon receipt, these funds will be returned to the unencumbered unappropriated balance of the Capital Improvement Fund.

These funds will be incorporated into the project budget to enhance the overall play value and improve the functionality as an inclusive playground. The Administration respectfully requests a supplemental appropriation from the Capital Improvement Fund for the Friendship Park project. **Waiver** is requested so both Action Item #1 and Action Item #2 run concurrently.

Requested Legislation and Funding

Legislation Needed:	Ordinance
Emergency/Waiver:	Waiver
Vendor Name:	N/A
Vendor Address:	N/A
Already Appropriated:	N/A
Supplemental/Transfer:	Supplemental \$25,000 from the unencumbered unappropriated balance of the Capital Improvement Fund 3250 to 325.06.550.5510 – Capital Equipment, Project PK-25-201 Friendship Park.

ACTION ITEM #3: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF THE ASHBURNHAM PARK PLAYGROUND

Ashburnham Park is a small neighborhood park that primarily serves residents within walking distance of the site. The playground at Ashburnham Park has reached the end of its service life and requires replacement (PK-26-101).

To help guide the replacement, a survey was distributed to surrounding residents to gather feedback on the improvements that would most benefit them and their families.



The project will be completed utilizing the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for the purchase and installation of the playground equipment. The cost of this replacement is \$236,250, which includes a 5% contingency for any unexpected expenses.

The Administration respectfully requests a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with MidStates Recreation for the purchase and installation of the Ashburnham Park playground.

Requested Legislation and Funding:

Legislation Needed: Resolution

Emergency/Waiver: N/A

Vendor Name: Midstates Recreation

Vendor Address: 1279 Hazelton-Etns Rd. SW, Patasksla, OH 43062

Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts): 325.06.550.5510

Supplemental/Transfer (Amounts & Accounts Names/Titles): N/A

Attachments:

PR-ATT Ashburnham Park Sourcewell Agreement

Contract Approvals

- This item has been approved by the Mayor
- This item has been approved by the Director of Finance
- This item has been forwarded to the City Attorney for review