



To: Gahanna City Council
Raymond J. Mularski, City Attorney

From: Stephania Ferrell, Director of Parks & Recreation
Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor

Date: March 16, 2021

Re: Department of Parks & Recreation Report to Council (March 22, 2021 Meeting)

UPDATES

See March 15, 2021 Mayor's Report.

ACTION ITEM(S)

ACTION ITEM # 1 – REQUEST FOR ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRACT TO PURCHASE SPLASH PAD ELEMENTS

The addition of a new splash at the Gahanna Swimming Pool was included in the approved budget for 2021. The addition of the splash pad will provide a much-needed improvement to the amenities available to our community. Splash pads provide an updated and interactive way for children and families to experience water play. The features of the splash pad will allow movement and encourage imaginative play appropriate for a wide range of children of all abilities.

Staff engaged with three vendors and considered multiple iterations to determine the best design for the location. The Parks and Recreation Board were also engaged to provide feedback and comments. The features of the Vortex design provided the best play elements to complement the pool today and sustainable for future upgrades. Infants, toddlers, school aged, teens and adults all have features designed to attract their interest and engage in active play.

Vortex offers pricing through the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing agreement.

The Administration is respectfully requesting legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Vortex in an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for play elements and mechanicals for the splash pad at the Gahanna Swimming Pool from account 32506550.5505 Capital Projects.

Legislation Needed: Ordinance
Emergency/Waiver: n/a
Vendor Name: Vortex
Vendor Address: 7800 Trans Canada, Pointe-Claire, Quebec, Canada, H9R 1C6
Already Appropriated (Amounts & Accounts Names/Titles):
32506550.5505 Capital Projects
Supplemental/Transfer (Amounts & Account Names/Titles): n/a

Attachments: Splash pad rendering