

Tri-Township Park Board Meeting
Bidders Meeting – Skateboard Park
Park Office
January 5, 2005

Approved
1/12/05
Phil F.

7:00 PM Bidders public meeting called to order.

In Attendance: Phil Loethen, Terry Ball, Joe Eader, Jay Evans

Also in Attendance: Mark Harris – Howard White, Jim Utterback – Illinois at Play, Paul Kaus – Fry & Associates, Patrick Getz – Sunrise Construction, and Pat Cox.

Skateboard Park Projets –

Terry gave a brief overview of the project to date. This is a joint project between the Tri-Township Park Board and the City of Troy. The project is for \$110,000. Bids are due January 12th at 4PM. Bids will be opened at the 7PM regular Park Board meeting that same evening. The Park/City committee will then have two weeks to look over the bids, discuss, and decide on which bid to accept. A decision will then be given to the Park Board and the winning bid will be accepted at the January 26th Special Park Board meeting.

A question was asked about requirements for signage – do's and don'ts/rules.

None is required. The Park will be responsible for this. The Park will gladly accept suggestions though.

Phil asked if there was anything that we should have asked for in the bid that we didn't.

All answers were generically no. This is a design and construct and the vendors are more than happy to suggest and provide design alternatives. Comments were made that specifying ramp sizes would actually work to the detriment of the design and the overall park. Some other parks had specified ramp sizes and designed a park that was too difficult for recreational users. Skaters will request higher and higher ramps that may not be suitable for all. Our objective is merely to give the average skateboarder and fun place to go and to alleviate the problems being experienced by a lot of local businesses on their lots and sidewalks.

Terry asked about warranties.

Most agreed that 15 years was the industry norm, but will vary by provider.

Paul Kaus – Illinois at Play, told the board that this would be a large tourism draw. Experience has shown him that parents will come from 50 miles or more and drop their kids off to skateboard for the day and spend the rest of the day shopping or looking for other activities within the city.

The vendors asked if there are any current drainage issues on the ground and if any leveling will be necessary.

Phil said that the park would take care of the leveling and the planting of grass around the pad. We want all of the available funds to go into the equipment and are staffed and capable of doing the landscaping around the pad.

The vendors asked if there would be a follow up meeting before the winner was picked.

Terry said that at this point, the plan is to open the bids and give them to the committee. The committee will decide whether to whittle the list down and then meet with the local skaters, or just meet with them right away. The committee and the kids will then pick a winner and recommend this to the board.

Phil reminded the vendors that pictures are very useful and help in selling the finished product.

Vendors asked about the 10,000-sq. ft. as this may take as much as \$40,000 of the \$110,000 total.

Terry said that this size was a generic starting point. We would entertain any and all ideas that were proposed to be bigger or smaller. It is important that we have room to grow if this proves to be a big draw. Discussion led us to believe that adding to the pad later in the effort to grow would not be an issue.

Terry said there had been some internal discussions on how the bid had went out, relative to design and construction. He asked how other entities do it.

The response was that approximately somewhat more than 50% of parks request design. Those that design their own run the risk of being out of touch with skateboarders and requesting something they really don't want.

8:00PM Motion: Adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by
Terry Ball, Secretary