



## PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 9, 2015

TO: Board of Public Works  
Fred Abadi, Director of Public Works

FROM: Ron Grall, Director of Parks, Recreation & Forestry

SUBJECT: River Hills Park Playground Surfacing – Alternate Bid Support

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I would like to take this opportunity to encourage your support for the low alternate bid received that would adhere to a Head Injury Criterion (HIC) value of less than 700. HIC values are a measure of shock absorbing properties of playground surfacing – the lower the number, the more resilient the surfacing. The current industry standard for playground surfacing is 1000, however there is significant movement taking place that would revise the HIC value standard to 700.

With the above in mind, approval of the proposed alternate bid would enable a surface installation that would be compliant with the anticipated HIC value standard change and further ensure a high level of fall safety on our City playgrounds.

If you have any questions, please contact me at X3734 / [rgrall@ci.waukesha.wi.us](mailto:rgrall@ci.waukesha.wi.us)

We thank you for your consideration!

c. Kevin Lahner, City Administrator

