

Watertown City CouncilMay 9th, 2023**Agenda Item: PF058 Artificial Turf For Soccer Goals****Request for Action: Motion to Approve the Solicitation of Quotes****Employee/Dept.: Mike Dressel, Public Services****Background:**

The soccer fields at the Oak Grove Community Park are heavily used by the High School soccer teams and the Grove River Soccer Club. With the heavy use, it is almost impossible to keep the grass growing in front of the soccer nets. We end up with bare spots in front of the nets that turn into mud when it rains and when we irrigate the fields. These areas also hold water due to it being lower than the area around them due to the heavy so it takes longer for the mud to dry up. In the past we have added black dirt and seed to try and restore these areas, however they continue to be a problem area.

Along with the bare spots in front of the goals, it is challenging to maintain the grass under the goals. We can only mow so far under the nets with a mower and the rest needs to be trimmed with a weed trimmer. When using the weed trimmer along the edge of the nets the trimmer string either gets wrapped up in the netting or the netting is damaged by the trimmer string.

My solution to fix these problems is to have artificial turf installed in front of and under the goals on the two fields.

Budget Impact:

Staff have budgeted \$20,000.00.

Funding Source:

Parks Capital Fund

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the solicitation of quotes.

Motion Type:

Simple majority vote of members present.

Requested Action/Motion:

"I move to approve the solicitation of quotes for artificial turf for the 4 soccer goals.

Attachments:

Pictures of the soccer goal areas.







