



Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Robert L. Tetens, Director
DATE: December 11, 2012
RE: **Winter Sports and Trail Grooming Equipment**

Background

The Parks and Recreation Commission currently offers cross-country skiing at two locations. There are three (3) miles of groomed cross-country ski trails, classic and skating styles, at Independence Lake County Park. Another three (3) miles of groomed cross-country ski trails, along with a sledding hill, are located within Rolling Hills County Park. Recent land acquisitions expanded both park units, enabling expansion of the current cross-country ski trails. However, the existing grooming equipment is old and inefficient.

Discussion

The existing snow grooming equipment is a combination of borrowed, "home-made" and manufactured equipment. At both parks, the grooming equipment is towed by old, outdated vehicles which are not owned by the Commission. Rolling Hills uses the Park Superintendent's personal 1995 Polaris (340 cc engine, 15" wide track, and no reverse gear) snowmobile. Independence Lake utilizes a 1970's era Ski-Doo Alpine on loan from the A2 Ski Club (36" wide tracks, no electric start, and no reverse gear). The grooming equipment is a similar assemblage of "innovative re-use". Rolling Hills uses a manufactured grader and classic style track setter acquired in the 1980's. Independence Lake's equipment is a "home-made" snow packer made by WCPARC maintenance crew and manufactured grader and classic track setter, age unknown. We have no equipment suitable to address frozen or hard crust trail conditions. Each piece of equipment requires a separate pass, certainly an inefficient use of staff time, inhibiting our ability to maintain quality trails, and limiting our ability to expand the number of miles being groomed.

More efficient snowmobiles suitable of performing grooming tasks under light and heavy snow conditions, coupled with grooming equipment that will perform multiple tasks in one pass, will allow us to more effectively provide a quality recreation experience. Attached for your consideration are bid tabulations, illustrating the cost of two (2) snowmobiles and groomers with the necessary features. The low bid for the snowmobiles is \$21,585 from C and C Sports. The low bid for the groomers is \$11,790 by Yellowstone Track Systems, Inc. The total cost of all necessary equipment is \$33,375.

Recommendation

It is my recommendation that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize purchase of the following equipment: two (2) Ski-Doo Skandic SWT snowmobiles from C and C Sports and two (2) 84" Model Ginzugroomers from Yellowstone Track System, Inc., at a total cost of \$33,375.

QUOTE SUMMARY SHEET

Quote _____ Date: November 29, 2012 Requisition or Purchase Order#: _____

Account #: _____ Department: Parks and Recreation

BIDDERS LIST

COMPANY NAME	PERSON CONTACTED	PHONE NUMBER
1. C and C Sports	Jason Alder	(810) 227-7069 Ext 19
2. Holiday Power Sports	Stacy Guscindi	(517) 499-6276
3. Nicholson's	No Contact Name	(734) 585-3300
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ITEMS BID AND COST

ITEM OR EQUIVALENT	BIDDER 1	BIDDER 2	BIDDER 3	BIDDER 4	BIDDER 5
1. Skidoo Skandic SWT – REV-XU, Rotax ACE 600engine; liquid cooled, four stroke D.O.H.C., dry Sump. Drive Clutch type – eDrive. EFI carburetion use Regular unleaded fuel. Electric start engine Price for two (2) each including delivery to Ann Arbor, Michigan (48107)	\$10,850 ea \$21,585 for two (2)	\$12,000 ea No bid for two (2)	Verbal No Bid, does not sell Ski-Doo products		
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COMPANY NAME	PERSON CONTACTED	PHONE NUMBER
1. Yellowstone Track Systems, Inc	Maureen R. Edgerton	(406) 646-7603
2. Tidd Tech Ltd		(970) 887-3705
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1. 6' wide X-C ski trail groomer with capability to recondition frozen/hard pack snow, smooth and pack to finished ski trail, and set classic diagonal ski track. Must contain electrical controls for snow cutter knife/teeth and classic ski track pan. Hitch must be compatible with Ski-Doo Skandic SWT snowmobile. Include delivery to Ann Arbor, MI 48107. Price for two each.	\$5,895 ea 84" Model Ginzugroomer \$11,790 for two (2)	\$6,635 ea Tiddtech Groomer \$13,270 for two (2)			
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