

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR THE RIVER VALLEY PARK  
SOFTBALL INFIELD RENOVATION PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND:**

This project included renovation of six softball infields in River Valley Park. Four fields are located in North River Valley Park at 1015 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, and two fields are located in South River Valley Park at 1200 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The project included removal of existing infield material, relocation of irrigation lines, and installation of new infield material to specified depths. The project was awarded to Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management, Des Moines, IA, on April 11, 2017 in the amount of \$108,900.

The original project scope included replacing the existing drainage and adding new, but it was mutually agreed upon by the City of Ames, Bolton & Menk, and Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management that the drainage was working fine and didn't need to be replaced. Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management reduced the overall construction cost by \$7,850 to \$101,050.

The project was expected to be completed the spring of 2018, but after further review, the infield material contained rocks that were larger than what was acceptable. This past spring, the contractor sifted all six infields and removed the rocks over a quarter of an inch in size. Attached is a letter from Bolton & Menk, confirming the project is complete.

The total project cost with engineering and design was \$122,375, while the amount budgeted was \$140,000.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. The City Council can:
  - a. Adopt a resolution approving Change Order #1 in the amount of (\$7,850) to Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management, Des Moines, Iowa for the River Valley Park Softball Field Renovation Project; and
  - b. Adopt a resolution accepting completion of the contract for the River Valley Park Softball Field Renovation Project with Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management, Des Moines, Iowa in the amount of \$101,050.

2. The City Council can decide not to accept the completion of the River Valley Park Softball Infield Project in the amount of \$101,050.

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The softball fields have been a critical component of providing a quality recreation program. Therefore, over the last five years, many improvements have been made to these facilities. The infield renovation is the last step in providing a quality, safe experience for softball users.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as stated above.



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Mr. Joshua Thompson  
Parks and Facilities Superintendent  
City of Ames Parks and Facilities  
700 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ames, IA 50010

RE: N/S River Valley Park Softball Infield Renovation  
City of Ames  
Project No.: A13.112323

Dear Joshua:

Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management has completed all work under the contract for the N/S River Valley Park Softball Infield Renovation Project; including punch list items identified by the City and Bolton & Menk at a walkthrough on December 8, 2017. The final remaining item on the punch list, removal of larger aggregate material in the infield field mix, was resolved to the satisfaction of the City earlier this summer. As Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management has completed items of construction in substantial compliance with plans, specifications, contract documents, change orders and punch lists. It is the recommendation of Bolton & Menk that the project be accepted by the City.

Iowa Cubs Sports Turf was also able to expose the subdrain on each of the infields during construction and found these systems to be in good working order. This resulted in a deduct to the project in place of labor and subdrain material indicated on plans.

Sincerely,

**Bolton & Menk, Inc.**

*JOSHUA SHIELDS*  
**Joshua L. Shields, PLA**  
Project Manager

Cc (Casey Scheidel – Iowa Cubs Sports Turf Management)