

## Board of Park Commissioners Approval Form

### Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation 2024 Equipment & Vehicle Purchase Lease

#### Project Approval Request - Scope of Work:

Purchase of replacement equipment and vehicles needed for daily operation of the Parks and Recreation Department, based on condition rating of existing equipment and vehicles and any mission changes. This year's purchases include the following:

#### Trucks:

4 Ford F250 4x4 route trucks from Bob Thomas (\$48,260 ea.)	\$193,040.00
2 Aluminum service body beds for F250's from H&H Sales (\$15,000 ea.)	\$30,000.00
1 Lift Gate for service body bed from H&H Sales (\$4,000 ea.)	\$4,000.00
1 Ford F350 4x4 standard cab chassis from Bob Thomas (\$50,833 ea.)	\$50,833.00
1 Stainless steel dump body for F350 from H&H Sales (\$14,000 ea.)	\$14,000.00
1 Ford Maverick AWD lariat from Bob Thomas (\$31,406.16 ea.)	\$31,406.16
2 Chevrolet 1500 4x4 pickups from Kelley Chevrolet (\$37,400 ea.)	\$74,800.00
1 Chevrolet Equinox AWD SUV from Kelley Chevrolet (\$26,600 ea.)	\$26,600.00

#### Facilities Maintenance Equipment:

4 IPC Eagle floor machines from Nichols (\$7,000 ea.)	\$28,000.00
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#### Landscape Equipment:

1 Bobcat stump grinding attachment from Bobcat (10,626.30 ea.)	\$10,626.30
1 Ferris Ride-on Leaf Blower from Russo Equipment (\$10,000 ea.)	\$10,000.00
1 Gravely Orvis remote control slope mower from Schaefer's (\$37,489)	\$37,489.00

#### Grounds Maintenance Equipment:

1 Ventrac 4520 Tractor w/ Ball Diamond Option from Kenney (\$41,016.90 ea.)	\$41,016.90
1 New John Deere Gator with plow from Truland Equipment (\$35,380.40)	\$35,380.40
1 Used John Deere Gator XUV from Truland Equipment (\$17,000)	\$17,000.00

#### General Parks Equipment:

1 Davinci AE1932 Scissor Lift from McCallister Equip. (\$17,500 ea.)	\$17,500.00
117 Motorola Employee Communication Radios	\$128,000.00

<b>Total Purchase Price:</b>	<b>\$749,691.76</b>
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Fund Source: City of Fort Wayne 2024 Master Lease Program

#### **Board Approval:**

We received quotes through the City's Fleet Manager, National Sourcewell Contracting, and specific vendors. The staff has reviewed each quote as well as confirmed our budgeted funds for the vehicle and equipment purchases.

I am asking for the Board to approve the purchase of these vehicles and equipment for \$749,691.76 to be paid over the next seven years.

The attached spreadsheet lists the vehicles and equipment that we intend to purchase. The next document describes the equipment that will be replaced by the new equipment.

At this time, I would like to request approval of the purchase of the above-listed vehicles and equipment at a total cost of **\$749,691.76**, to be paid over the next seven years, with funding through the City of Fort Wayne 2024 Master Lease Program.

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The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation and the Board of Park Commissioners, met to host their regularly scheduled monthly Board meeting on **February 08, 2024**, to approve the above-referenced project and contract, in the amount of **\$749,691.76**.

*We, the Board of Park Commissioners, on the date stated, do ATTEST, sign the above-referenced and attached documents, and approve as presented.*

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**Justin Shurley, Commissioner**

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**Cory Miller, Commissioner**

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**Richard Briley, Commissioner**

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**Jenna Jauch, Commissioner**

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**Steve McDaniel, Director**

**Item 1: Gravelly Orvis Remote Control Mower.** Assigned to Riparian.

**JUSTIFICATION:** The Parks Riparian division is tasked with clearing invasive species and over growth along the riverbanks. This task is dangerous and difficult to use a ride on piece of equipment. The Gravelly Orvis remote control mower allows an operator to safety remove thick brush. The Street Dept. has similar models in their fleet.

**Cost:** \$37,489



**Item 2: JLG Electric Scissor Lift.** Assigned to Repair and Construction.

**JUSTIFICATION:** The Parks Department does not currently own a scissor lift. Any time one is needed to do repair work to a building, one has to be rented and transported to the park location requiring the lift. Having a department owned unit would allow the flexibility of having it available anytime and would save the cost and complications of continuing to rent ones throughout the year.

**Cost:** \$17,500



JLG AE1932

**Item 3: Chevrolet ½-ton 4x4 extended cab pickup trucks (2).**  
Assigned to Forestry and Grounds.

**JUSTIFICATION:** The pickup truck currently operated by the city arborist has over 114,000 miles on the vehicle and is beginning to be a maintenance issue. This position requires that the vehicle be a take home truck and available 24 hours a day. Current truck #160 isn't reliable enough to fill that role. Equally, the grounds supervisor position should be operating a pickup truck and is currently driving a surplus Ford Escape due to a lack of additional vehicles.

**Cost:** \$74,800 for 2 trucks



Sample images of a new extended cab Chevy 1500

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**Item 4: Stump Grinding Attachment for a Bobcat.** Assigned to Landscape.

**JUSTIFICATION:** The Parks Department currently has a large pull behind stump grinding machine. However, this machine will not fit into tight areas and cannot maneuver on slopes or rough terrain. The Landscape division uses Bobcat skid steer loaders as their main piece of heavy equipment. This attachment would allow them to remove stumps in a variety of part and city property areas that cannot be accessed with the current machine.

**Cost:** \$10,626.30



Bobcat stump grinding attachment.

**Item 5: Ventrac 4520 mower with Ball Diamond Groomer.**

Assigned to Grounds.

**JUSTIFICATION:** The Ventrac tractor purchased in 2023 has proven to be an extremely useful piece of equipment and has become the main tool for removing overgrown brush in parks and along the river green way. An additional unit with the option ball diamond grooming attachment will be added to the grounds to transition from prepping ball diamonds with a utility tractor to a more purpose-built piece of equipment.

**Cost:** \$41,016.90



Ventrac 4520z with ball diamond attachment.

**Item 6: Chevrolet Equinox SUV.** Assigned to Facilities.

**JUSTIFICATION:** In 2023, the position of supervisor of faculties and trades was split into 2 separate positions. The supervisor of facilities, being a new position does not have a vehicle assigned to them. That supervisor is currently using a spare facilities pickup truck but requires a vehicle assigned to their position. Because this position doesn't require the supervisor to haul equipment or large materials, a small SUV is the logical vehicle to purchase.

**Replacement Cost:** \$26,600



Chevrolet Equinox

**Item 7: Ford Maverick.** Assigned to Grounds.

**JUSTIFICATION:** The manager of buildings and grounds operates a 2014 Ford Escape on a daily basis. This person is on call and this vehicle acts as their take home vehicle as well. With over 86,000 miles on the odometer, a newer model would prove to be more reliable. Switching from an SUV to a small pickup would also give the department more flexibility for how the vehicle is used. The old SUV #127 would be moved to the Botanical Conservatory to act as a pool vehicle for their staff.

**Replacement Cost:** \$31,406.16



Ford Maverick Pick up truck.



Old SUV #127



**Item 8: Ford F350 XL 4x4 Chassis.** Assigned to Grounds.

**JUSTIFICATION:** Grounds Maintenance used 1-ton dump trucks for most of their work. Truck #95 is a 2001 model with 91,000 miles on the odometer. It is rusting badly and needs constant repair. A new F350 chassis with a dump bed would allow truck #95 to be sent to auction.

**Replacement Cost:** \$50,833



F350 Chassis and example of the stainless dump bed that will be installed.



Old truck 95

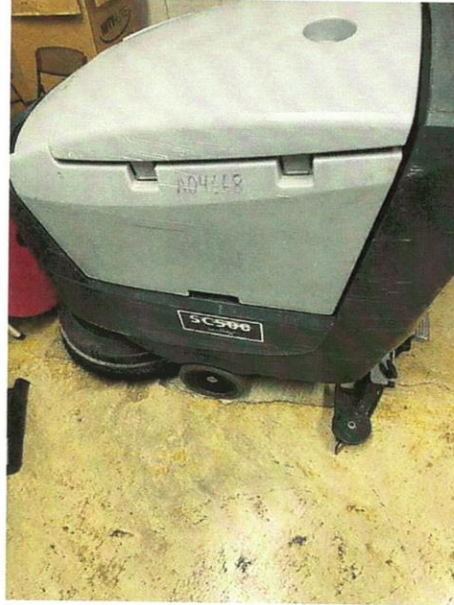
**Item 9: IPC Eagle Floor Machines (4).** Assigned to Facilities.

**JUSTIFICATION:** Facilities uses electric powered floor scrubbers to clean and wax floors and pavilions and building throughout the parks system. Many of the existing models are 2010 models and at 14 years old have exceeded their expected life span. The old machines would be scrapped in favor of brand new IPC Eagle floor scrubbers.

**Replacement Cost:** \$28,000 for 4 units



IPC CT51 floor scrubber



Old, outdated floor machine

**Item 10: 3/4-ton 4x2 regular cab pickup trucks (4).** Assigned to Facilities and Headwaters Park.

**JUSTIFICATION:** Facilities uses ¾ trucks with utility bodies to go from park to park cleaning buildings., bathrooms, and picking up litter. The 2 highest mileage trucks in the fleet are #52 and #62 which are both 2006 models with over 100,000 miles on them. Rust and mechanical failures are becoming an issue with both trucks. The utility bodies are stainless steel replacements and in very good shape. The beds would be swapped into the new trucks and the old units sent to auction. Headwaters Park also requires 2 route trucks to use in their operation. Because they are a relatively new area, there are no existing route trucks for them to utilize.

**Replacement Cost:** \$193,040 for 4 trucks



Old truck #52

Old truck #62



2024 Ford F250

**Item 11: John Deere 865M Gator UTV.** Assigned to Headwaters and Salomon Farm.

**JUSTIFICATION:** The Headwaters Park staff is tasked with snow removal within the park. They do not have any equipment at this time for that job. The landscape crew assists with their machine but a dedicated Gator with a plow is needed for Headwaters. Additionally, Salomon farm has requested a used John Deere Gator to help home employees and materials around the farm year-round.

**Cost:** \$35,360.40 for a new model, \$17,000 for a used one.



Proposed new John Deere Gator XUV



Proposed used John Deere Gator XUV

**Item 12: Ride-on Leaf Blower.** Assigned to Landscape.

**JUSTIFICATION:** Landscape has taken over many of the ground's maintenance duties at both Promenade and Headwaters Park. This includes all of the sidewalks and walking paths. Backpack and handheld blowers haven't been up to the task of leaf and debris removal so an alternative method was sourced. A ride-on blower is much more powerful than a handheld device and maneuverable enough to reach all of the problem areas within the parks.

**Cost:** \$10,000



**Item 13: Replacement Motorola 2-way radios.** Assigned to various parks.

**JUSTIFICATION:** The radios used for communication at the Park's Dept. are Motorola XTS2500 radios. The rest of the city has updated to Motorola APX 4000 radios. Our old units are obsolete and are kept working using spare parts supplied by the radio shop. If we want to stay compatible with the rest of the city departments we need to upgrade. Motorola has quoted the replacement of 100 handheld radios, 17 truck mounted radios, and desktop chargers. The total for this quote is for \$374,496 which we can split over 3 years to ease the expense. The old radios will be traded in to Motorola for a discount on the new units.

**Replacement Cost:** \$128,000 (for budget year 2024)



Old Motorola XTS 2500 radios



New APX 4000 radios

