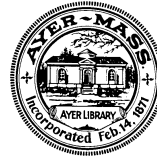


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## Playground Remediation Update October 3, 2022

The RFP for the remediation of Kiddie Junction Playground was put out by the town in early August and there was a pre-bid meeting for interested contractors at the site on August 23 to answer any questions regarding the project. Joe McLoughlin, President of BETA Inc. and the LSP for the project, was able to go over most of these, including the specifications for the removal of the structure and trees prior to the soil being remediated. Mr. McLoughlin pointed out the trees that had been identified as being possibly able to be saved, with extra diligence being needed to clear soil around the roots and limit the amount of heavy equipment that could be used within the trees' drip lines. While there is no guarantee that these trees can be saved, there will be every effort made to do so.

The final bids for the remediation had to be in by noon on September 1 and nine contractor submitted bids on time. The range of bids was between \$173K and \$618K. The lowest bid came in from Brighter Horizons Environmental Inc., a local company from Ayer and the contract was officially approved and awarded by the Select Board on September 7. The \$173K was within the range of the \$150K-\$200K that BETA had estimated for remediation and will leave approximately \$645K of allocated funds for the rebuilding process.

Brighter Horizons has submitted a timeline for their part of the project. They expect to start work on or about October 12 and hope to be completed with a passed inspection by Mass DEP around November 9. If the remediation goes according to plan, the rebuilding phase should remain on schedule and begin in spring of 2023.

Thank you,

Ayer Parks Commission