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Workshop called to order at 6:32 p.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

PARTICIPANTS:
Mayor Dingle; Council Members Swenson, and Zenner, City Administrator Walsh, Public Works Supervisor Dionisopoulos and City Clerk Ornquist. Council Members Foote and Jones were excused.

Also present: St. Paul Park Athletic Association President Thoms and Fields Manager Bauer

SUBJECT(s):
Relocation of Batting Cages at Whitbred Park

INTRODUCTION:
Public Works Supervisor Dionisopoulos informed the Council that the batting cages at Whitbred Park will need to be moved to make way for the water treatment facility. The proposed location is Whitbred Park where the play equipment is now.

SUMMARY:
Public Works Supervisor Dionisopoulos proposed to relocate the batting cages to the area where the play equipment is now; noting that the play equipment is rarely used. The reasons for this location are its close proximity to the Athletic Association storage room inside Whitbred Warming House, and the teams that typically use the batting cages are playing their games at Whitbred and Heritage Park.

Midwest Fence estimated the cost to install new batting cages at $16,969 which is considerably less than removing and relocating the existing cages at $19,166; the savings is in labor costs and replacement parts.

The estimated cost for preparations of the proposed site is as follows:

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Timeline
With the busy 2019 schedule, the Public Works Department wouldn’t be able to take on this project internally. The treatment facility project is tentatively planned to start June 1. Therefore, the Athletic Association may be able to utilize the batting cages most of this season.

Funding
Currently there is no funding for this project in the Public Works Department 2019 budget. It was suggested that the project be moved to 2020 in hopes that some of the work could be done internally to reduce the costs of relocation and give opportunity to raise funds through grants or fundraising events.

The Athletic Association would consider holding a fundraising event specific for the batting cages. Council Member Zenner noted that the MN Twins has a grant program restoring community ballfields; something worth checking into.
Council Member Swenson questioned why the cost to relocate the batting cages is falling on the Athletic Association when it is the result of the water treatment facility.

**Services provided to the Athletic Association**
Currently the Public Works Department provides the following services for the Athletic Association. It was suggested that an agreement for services be drafted so both parties are aware of expectations.

- Storage at Whitbred Park Warming House
- Access to Whitbred Park Warming House for monthly meetings.
- Maintain and prepare seven (7) ballfields from May through July

**RECOMMENDATION:**
It was the consensus of the Council that the relocation of the batting cages to play equipment area at Whitbred Park is the best location.

It was the consensus of the Council to have staff prepare an agreement of services between the City and the Athletic Association.

It was the consensus of the Council to revisit this item during the 2020 budget process.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Ornquist, City Clerk