

# CITY OF GALENA, ILLINOIS

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor Renner and City Council

FROM: Mark Moran, City Administrator

DATE: May 24, 2018

RE: Grant Park Oval Garden Bids

We are continuing to move forward with the individual projects that are contained in the Grant Park Masterplan. Perhaps the largest project is the improvement of the oval garden located at the Van Buren Street entrance. I am writing to present the bids for the project and the recommendation on behalf of the Grant Park Committee.

The oval garden work includes the construction of low stone seating walls on each end of the oval, the construction of a stone center monument to support a large flower urn, the installation of four stone bases for flower urns, a brick or concrete pathway entering the oval from the sides, large stepping stones, and new landscaping throughout. The project was divided into two bids, one for the general construction, and one for the landscaping.

The bid packets for the project were distributed to nine contractors on May 4. The bid deadline was May 23. A bid from Louie's Trenching Service was the only bid received for the general construction. Two bids were received for the landscaping, one from Ben Wiene Excavating and one from Perfection Lawn Care. A summary of the base bids is shown in Table 1 and 2 below.

Table 1. Summary of Base Bid for Oval Garden General Construction

Bidder	Base Bid
Louie's Trenching Service	\$95,670.00

Table 2. Summary of Base Bid for Oval Garden Landscaping

Bidder	Base Bid
Ben Wiene Excavating	\$33,414.00
Perfection Lawn Care	\$40,625.00

After reviewing the bids with committee chairperson, Charles Marsden, we have the following recommendations:

1. Award the general construction bid to Louie’s Trenching Service in an amount of \$31,600, including the following items from the bid form:

Item 3	\$4,800
Item 4	\$8,550
Item 6	\$2,400
Item 7	\$3,350
Item 8	\$2,500
Item A1	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$31,600</b>

2. Reject both bids for the landscaping.

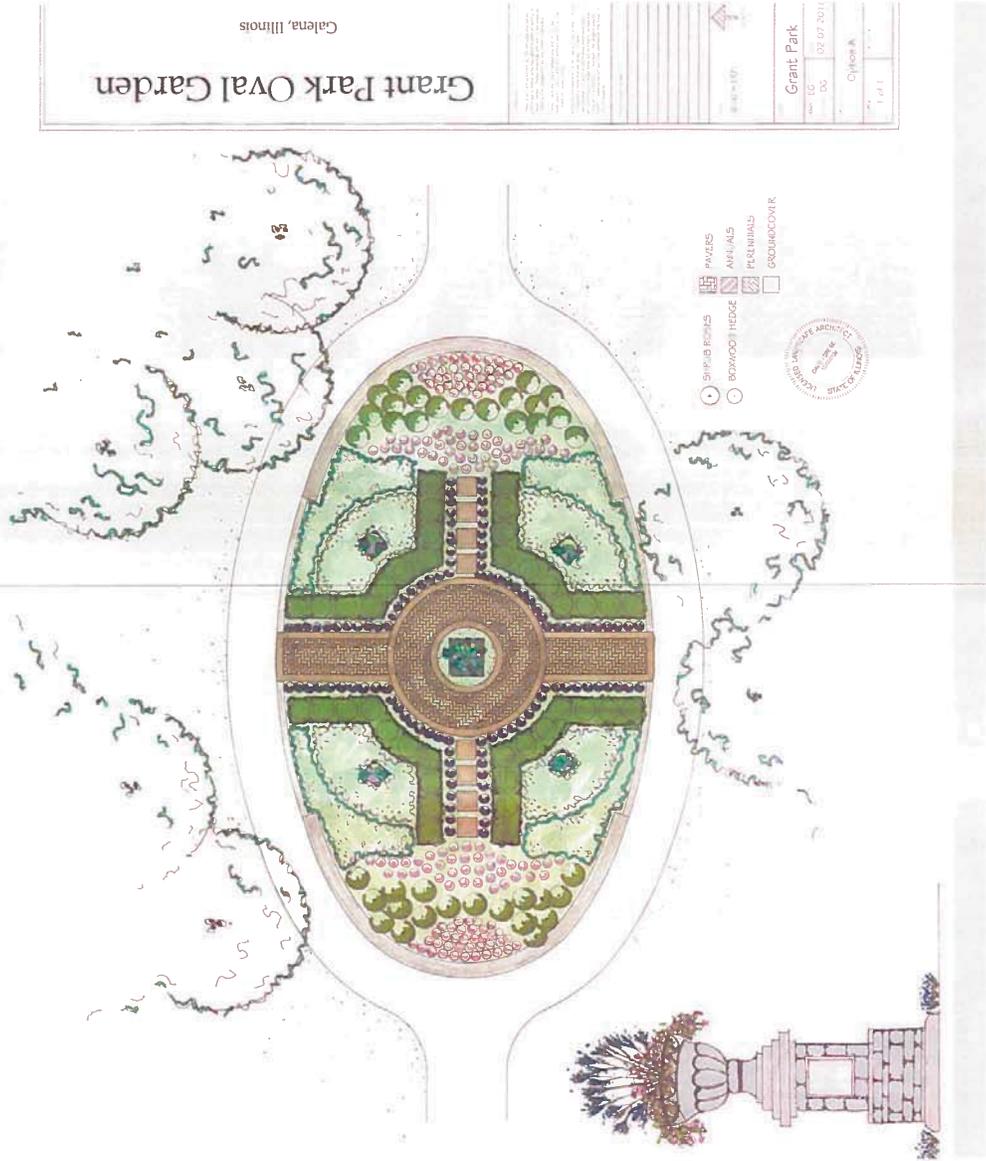
The recommended bid for the general construction contract would eliminate the two low walls (Items 1 and 2) from the project. The cost of the decorative stone walls would have been more than \$56,000. As an alternative, a stone border would be installed along the sidewalk at a cost of \$2,150. This would be an add-on to Item 7 at the unit cost. With this recommendation, another \$10,000 would be saved by substituting stamped concrete for brick pavers (Item A1 in place of Item 5).

The landscaping bids were considerably higher than expected. We believe the busy time of year was the main reason for the high bids. We have since priced the plants directly from a supplier and believe we could save considerably by purchasing direct and planting with volunteers. Planting could be delayed until next spring since the general construction contract would not be complete until late mid-August at the earliest.

The proposed project would be fully funded by the Galena Foundation.

I look forward to answering any questions you may have during the meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

# Plan B



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Calena, Illinois