

July 22, 2005

TO: John Szerlag, City Manager

FROM: Brian P. Murphy, Assistant City Manager/Services  
Jeanette Bennett, Purchasing Director  
Carol K. Anderson, Parks and Recreation Director

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item:** Sole Source – Self Contained Riding Greens Aerator

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Parks and Recreation Department requests approval to purchase a Ryan GA-30 Riding Greens Aerator with attachments from the sole authorized dealer in Michigan, W.F. Miller Co. of Novi, for an estimated total cost of \$17,094.00. Included with the purchase of the aerator are three additional attachments: 1) a quint coring tines and turf guard and holders, 2) a quint solid tines and turf guard and holders, and 3) a windrow. The additional attachments gives us the ability to impact more surface area, saving us time and manpower; as well as eases and reduces the cleanup time after aerating has been completed, in order to get golfers back on the course sooner.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Ryan GA-30 Greens Aerator is the only self-contained riding greens aerator available on the market. This riding aerator will allow the Golf Division staff to aerate the turf on the course to relieve compaction and get water penetration and oxygen into the soil. With a riding greens aerator, as apposed to a conventional aerator which requires the operator to run the machine while walking in front of the unit, the Golf Division staff will be able to aerify the turf quicker, require only one operator, allow travel time from area to area to be cut down significantly, and carry more fuel than a conventional aerator. With a Ryan GA-30 already in use by the Golf Division staff, the purchase of another aerator will allow for easy stocking of repair parts, and easy service of a machine already familiar to the staff. This aerator has the capability of aeration productivity of up to twice the area per hour as compared to a conventional aerator. The Ryan GA-30 is manufactured by Jacobson/Ryan and is only available in the state of Michigan through W.F. Miller.

### **BUDGET**

Funds to purchase the Ryan 6A-30 Riding Greens Aerator is available in the Sylvan Glen Capital equipment account 788.7978.010

QUOTATION



**W.F. MILLER COMPANY**

TURF & INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT  
 25125 TRANS-X, P.O. BOX 605  
 NOVI, MI 48376 (248) 349-4100 FAX: 349-0406  
 WWW.WFMILLER.COM

To City of Troy  
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DATE 7/18/05

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1	RYAN 6A30 AERATOR	\$	15,837 <sup>00</sup>
1	QUINT CORING TINES & TURF GUARD AND HOLDERS	\$	461 <sup>00</sup>
1	QUINT SOLID TINES & TURF GUARD AND HOLDERS	\$	546 <sup>00</sup>
1	4116980 WINDROW	\$	250 <sup>00</sup>

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REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

BY Tim [Signature]

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