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City Council authorizes contract for Athletic Lighting at Richard Siegel

Parks & Rec Contract for outdoor lighting includes eight courts at Old Fort Tennis Complex

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — The Murfreesboro City Council voted Thursday to authorize a contract for athletic lighting at the Richard Siegel Soccer Park and Old Fort Tennis Complex.

Council approval authorizes the Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department to contract with Knight Electric for lighting four additional soccer fields at Richard Siegel Park, 515 Cherry Lane, and eight additional tennis courts at Old Fort Park, 1025 Old Fort Parkway. Knight Electric submitted the low bid of \$939,650 to install the athletic lighting.

“The addition of four more lighted fields at Richard Siegel Park will greatly enhance our ability to accommodate the expansion of the sport of soccer in Murfreesboro,” said Interim Parks & Recreation Director Angela Jackson. “Adding lighted fields will also allow for better field rotation to reduce the wear and tear on the fields.”

Richard Siegel Soccer Complex and Community Park is a 130-acre complex which plays host to some of the most prestigious events in the country, including the Tennessee Soccer State Championships and the TSSAA State Soccer Championships. The complex currently has one lighted stadium field and eight lighted regulation fields.

The contract for athletic lighting also includes eight more lighted courts at the Old Fort Tennis Complex located near the Adams Tennis Complex. Additional outdoor lighting will benefit high school and middle school tennis players who will be able to extend matches after sunset. Some competitions are shortened due to the lack of lighting.

The growing sports of tennis and soccer in Murfreesboro contribute to tourism with a significant economic benefit to restaurants and hotels in the community. Funding for the athletic lighting is provided from the City’s capital budget.

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Council also approved a second item requested by the Parks & Rec Department. Amendment Number 3 authorized moving forward with a park master plan in contract for development of the West Park on the McDonald property in west Murfreesboro. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. and a team of engineering, architectural and design companies will coordinate meetings, including a kickoff workshop, focus groups, land-owner meetings, and community meeting ahead of construction. The team will also conduct surveys, base mapping, preliminary concept development, architectural concepts and a final master plan.

The City Council previously approved the original Engineering Services Contract for a west park July 25, 2013, following approval by the Murfreesboro Parks & Recreation Commission.

For more information on Richard Siegel Soccer Park, call 615-867-4913 or visit <http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/index.aspx?nid=194>. For more information on Adams Tennis Complex, call 615-546-4000 or visit <http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/index.aspx?nid=807>.

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Photos attached provided by Jim Davis, Murfreesboro Parks & Recreation Department:

1. *Richard Siegel Complex and Community Park entrance.jpg*
2. *Soccer field with TSSAA flag.*

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