
**CITY OF TIFFIN
CITY ADMINISTRATOR
REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL – NOTES FOR WORK SESSION ITEMS
July 2, 2026**

- The playground at Woodfield Park currently utilizes engineered wood fiber (wood chips) on the playground surface. While this surface meets safety standards when properly maintained, it requires continual maintenance, including raking, replenishing displaced material (which often washes out) and periodic replacement to maintain appropriate fall protection. Of all the City Parks, Woodfield's playground surface requires the most annual maintenance. As we have briefly discussed before, replacing this surface with a poured-in-place rubber safety surface would reduce annual maintenance, provide consistent fall protection, improve the look of the park and provide a longer service life than wood fiber. However, this improvement comes with a significant investment. Attached are two options to replace the wood fiber with the poured-in-place surface. One option has the contractor performing all the work and the second option includes some of the work being performed by our Public Works Department. Brian Detert will be at the work session on Tuesday night to further discuss this with the council.