

Tiffin City Council Work Session

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July 07, 2026 06:30 pm



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City Council

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Tiffin City Hall

300 Railroad Street, Tiffin, Iowa 52340

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Mayor:	Tim Kasparek	Public Works Director:	Brian Detert
Council At Large:	Tim Orris – Mayor Pro-Tem	Water/WW Superintendent:	Brett Mehmen
Council At Large:	Tony Johnson	Building Official:	Brian Shay
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4. C. Discussion and Review of New Safety Surface at Woodfield Park

File: [Item Packet](#)

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City of Tiffin, Iowa

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Place: Tiffin City Hall, 300 Railroad Street, Tiffin, Iowa 52340
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Web Page: www.tiffin-iowa.org
Posted: July 2, 2026 (website & front entry of City Hall)

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**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 projection, 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.

Rock Sub-base Examples

Examples of how finished sub-base should look



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Rock Sub-base Examples

Examples of how finished sub-base should not look



Poured in Place Sub-base Requirements

Sub-base shall be compacted aggregate, concrete, or asphalt installed in accordance with manufacturer's written specifications.

A. Compacted Aggregate Base

- 1. 4 inches of 3/8", 1/2", or 3/4" clean aggregate rock, or equal, compacted to 90% of max density.**
- 2. Compaction shall be done with a hand compactor, landscape roller, or vibratory plate compactor.**
- 3. The base shall be installed at a slope of 2%**
- 4. Verify that sub-surfacing drainage, if required, has been installed to provide positive drainage.**

B. Concrete Base

- 1. Thickness of 4 inches**
- 2. 3000-3500psi**
- 3. Use steel rebar or wire mesh for reinforcement**
- 4. For expansion joints use 0.5" (12mm) saw cuts every 10' (3m)**
- 5. Slope shall be 1" (25mm) over every 10' (3m)**
- 6. Surface finish shall be heavy broom with a straight edge finish**

C. Asphalt Base

- 1. Thickness of 3 inches installed per manufacturer's recommendations**

Asphalt and Concrete base must be cured to manufacturer's recommendations before installation of safety surface

Sub-base shall be approved by Owner prior to installation of the safety surface

ESTIMATE

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Estimates 2026:26176

Bill to

City of Tiffin
300 Railroad St
Tiffin, IA 52340

Ship to

Woodfield Park
Tiffin, IA 52340

Estimate details

Estimate no.: 26176 Opt 1
Estimate date: 06/03/2026

Payment Terms: Net 30

#	Product or service	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
1.		Area 1			
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4.		Area 2			
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6.	Installation	Installation of Poured In Place Safety Surface 50/50 black & color mix for 8' and below fall height (3.5" depth)	2711	\$13.93	\$37,764.23
7.	Installation	Installation of Poured In Place Safety Surface 50/50 black & color mix for 9' and below fall height (4" depth)	400	\$14.67	\$5,868.00
8.	Shipping	Estimated Shipping for Material	4511	\$0.68	\$3,067.48
9.		***Does not include removal of existing surface or excavation/grading of area to be 10" below desired finish***			
10.		***DUE TO THE VOLATILE NATURE OF THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY AT THIS TIME, SHIPPING PRICES ARE ONLY VALID FOR TWO WEEKS***			

Total

\$76,983.00

Accepted date

Accepted by



**7356 Holliday Drive
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Phone: 913-713-1573**

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The estimate price for this project has been calculated based on the current prices for the materials. However, the market for the materials is considered to be volatile, and sudden price increases could occur.

Ecoturf Surfacing agrees to use our best efforts to obtain the lowest possible prices from available material suppliers, but should there be an increase in the prices of these specified materials that are purchased after execution of the Contract for use in this project, the Customer will be notified of the cost increase.

Upon notification, the Customer will then have the option to pay the cost increase or cancel the project and contract.

All projects are dependent on weather and installation dates are tentative

A standard additional insured certificate will be supplied at no charge upon customer request. If the customer requests any changes to Ecoturf Surfacing's insurance the customer will be responsible for the cost of any and all changes.

Customer is to supply and install construction fence around site and have security to watch over the site once the project has begun, up until the surface is dry and ready to be used. Any and all costs to repair or replace damage to surface caused by a lack of security or fencing will be the responsibility of the customer.

Customer is responsible for placing rubber wear mats in high traffic areas, such as under swings and at the bottom of slides. Customer is responsible for site restoration.

100% full payment is due in NET 30 days upon completion of project. Past due invoice will be billed at 2% per month (24% annum). In the case of any default, customer shall pay Taylormade Co, Inc. DBA Ecoturf Surfacing reasonable attorney fees and costs, including those on any appeal even if no suit or action is filed.

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Please sign and submit this quote to have your project added to our job list. By signing you are stating that you agree to the scope, details, and terms for the above mentioned proposal.

Customer Signature _____

Date: _____

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