



# Parks, Recreation, and Forestry

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## Board of Public Works Meeting

The Parks Department would like to have the Board of Public Works approve the purchase of a gas brush chipper for \$68,077.00. This bid is \$6,923.00 below the 2024 CIP budget but is not the lowest bid.

The Parks Department received three bids for their RFP on a gas brush chipper as follows:

Mobark – 1821 - \$77,827.00

Vermeer – BC1800XL - \$68,077.00

Bandit – 18XP - \$62,885.63

All three meet engine size, weight, and fuel capacity per our specs.

Both the Mobark and Bandit chippers had productivity issues during the demonstrations. We had no issues during the demonstration for the Vermeer, so we feel the Vermeer will be more productive over the life of the unit, so we're recommending to purchase the Vermeer. The cost difference is \$5,191.37.