Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
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Regina Sharp called a Building and Grounds Committee Meeting on Tuesday February 11, 2025 at 5:45 pm

Attendees: Committee Members Regina Sharp, Pax Lindell, Mayor Tepe, Village Administrator/Chief of Police Jerry Hayhow, Chief Fiscal Officer/Clerk of Council Katie Lyons, Solicitor Jeff Forbes

Meeting Called to order at 5:45PM February 11,2025

Objective: Review latest information regarding the Proposal by the Ohio River Foundation (ORF), the site visit and meeting on January 15, 2025, and propose moving forward.

Regina Sharp, Jerry Hayhow and Jerry Frankenhoff met with Jessica Rice from ORF to review outstanding issues/questions with the ORF proposal which I have outlined below. They visited the Preserve to discuss specific area to be treated.

Herbicide

It is a version of Round Up, it will be applied only by trained personnel of ORF, it will be a cut stump application using a spray bottle immediately after the cut to minimize disbursement to any surrounding area and be the most effective at killing the invasive plant.

It will cost less than $100 and will be funded by council person Sharp and will be stored at the Hayes residence.

Clearing process

They will clear approximately 1 acre of property around the parking lot at the Miami Preserve It will not run adjacent any landowner property. We will leave a screen of plantings adjacent to those properties.

The plants being removed will be woodies and vines growing up trees along with other potential invasives determined once the project starts.

They will cut the plantings and haul them to the parking lot where village maintenance will haul them to the environmental services area.

They will use chainsaws to clear the plantings and those will only be operated by ORF personnel

Signs will be posted in the area to alert hikers.

Cost

The initial year will be free of charge, they are no longer offering this to any other municipalities. Ongoing, if the project is successful, the cost could be $5,000 - $10,000 if we choose to continue and it could be covered within the tree budget.

Timing

Once we finalize the contract we will determine timing but likelihood is summer The ORF team will be onsite for four days in total.

Volunteers

This year we will not utilize village volunteers to get the most effective understanding of the project. ORF will provide all personnel/volunteers needed. The use of chainsaws minimizes personnel numbers and are not used with volunteers We can determine if we want to provide volunteer opportunities in future years.

Next Steps

After meeting with ORF we feel they have met all our questions with satisfactory answers. Removing the invasives is beneficial to the Preserve and is endorsed by our village arborist Jerry Frankenhoff

The Committee recommends moving forward with the project and presenting to council.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.