

SYCAMORE PARK DISTRICT

Board of Commissioners

Date of Study Session Meeting: April 16, 2015

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

AGENDA ITEM: AWARD PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTOR FOR TREE REMOVAL PROJECT AT GOLF COURSE AND PARKS.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Many ash and a few other species of dead trees have been removed by Park District staff over the past couple of years. Several more remain that are either too large or too close to other structures for our staff to safely handle. A public bid was issued and advertised to acquire a professional tree removal company. Twenty-six trees and stumps will be removed during the spring and early summer months. The majority of the trees are located on the golf course and in the Sycamore Community Park area. Two trees are located at Lake Sycamore, and two more at Wetzel Park.

We received four bid packets and held the public opening on April 6th at 10:00 a.m. The four companies that furnished bids were Pessina Trees from Big Rock, A-1 Trees from DeKalb/Cortland, D. Ryan Trees from DeKalb, and Trees-R-Us out of Wauconda. The lowest bid came from A-1 Trees at a price of \$25,775.00 for removal of all the trees and cutting out the stumps. Park District staff will remove the chips and fill the holes with dirt and seed. A listed reference where similar work was completed at a golf course has been contacted and their experience with A-1 Trees was very positive.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$25,775.00 from the capital budget. \$25,000 was allotted for this project in the 2015 capital budget. The extra \$775 will be obtained from savings on the current paving project near the clubhouse.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of A-1 Tree Company to complete tree removal project at the Golf Course and Parks.

PREPARED BY: Jeff Donahoe, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEW/APPROVAL:



BOARD ACTION: