From: Kent Tinucci
To: Greg Jackson
Subject: Re: Village Board Packets 01012022
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Greg,

I read your report. Here is a clarification on the teasel grant request.

The Village is responsible for maintaining and mowing greenspace within 20 feet of the pavement along State Routes 83, 22 and 53. By extension, we are also responsible for invasive teasel removal if we want it removed. The state has no interest in removing teasel, as evidenced by the extreme amounts of teasel along state roads outside of Long Grove.

The $10,000 grant pays for treating teasel along these State roads and also along Village roads. Based on actual 2021 expenditures, the entire $10,000 grant was spent (actually $10,200) on State and Village rights of way. (The park district absorbed the cost of treating County roads.) It is anticipated that 2022 expenditures will be about equal to 2021. This is the justification for the $10,000 grant.

Keep in mind that the park district is managing the teasel control program at no cost to the Village. One hundred percent of the grant funds pass through to Tallgrass. An argument could be made that it is the Village's responsibility to manage the teasel removal program because we are responsible for the State and Village rights-of-way. As such, we could deny the $10,000 grant and then work with Tallgrass directly and pay Tallgrass directly. Either way, it will cost the Village at least $10,000. But, if we approve the grant, the day-to-day program management responsibilities shift to the park district and we are no longer burdened with that responsibility. Managing natural areas is directly within the park district's charter. It makes sense to let them manage the teasel removal and it benefits the Village if we let them do so.

I'd be happy to discuss further during the board meeting or answer questions via email.

Kent

From: Greg Jackson <gjackson@longgroveil.gov>
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Good Morning President Jacob and Board of Trustees –

The January 11, 2022, Board Meeting Packet has been uploaded to the Google Drive.

Point of information: Denise is on vacation until January 18th and Sherry will not be back into the office until February 1st. That being said if you require any information regarding this Board Packet please let me know.

Greg

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