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**Mandy Grewal, Supervisor**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Pittsfield Charter Township Board of Trustees

**THROUGH:** Mandy Grewal, Supervisor

**FROM:** Philip Biscorner, Director of Parks and Recreation

**DATE:** August 12, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Park Commission Liaison Report

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With regard to the Park Commission meeting held on June 9, 2020:

- The Park Commission unanimously approved a motion to amend the schedule for the Invasive Species contract with Cardno. The changes to the schedule are due to complications with COVID-19 as well as an early greening period due to substantial rainfall. The total cost for the work to be completed will not change. The new schedule is as follows:
  - August/September 2020: spray application for Phragmites and Cattail.
  - Winter 2020/2021: woody removal (brush cut and/or forestry mow when ground is frozen to reduce rutting/damage to the soil).
  - Spring 2021: herbaceous invasive control, with a focus on Reed Canary Grass.
  - June – August 2021: herbaceous invasive control and woody re-sprout treatment from winter work (in the original proposal a woody re-sprout treatment was not included. This revised schedule gives us the opportunity to complete that treatment at no additional cost).
  - August/September 2021: spray application for Phragmites and Cattail (this revised schedule allows us to complete a true follow up treatment. We originally planned a follow up treatment 2-3 weeks after the first application, but this allow us to target obvious growth that did not senesce after the first application in 2020).
- Director Biscorner worked with Stantec to provide the Park Commission with 5 options for the Lillie Park boardwalk that is currently under water and not usable. No matter what option is chosen, the first step is to remove enough water to be able to properly evaluate the current structure. After some discussion, the Park Commission unanimously voted to move forward with a more in-depth review of 3 options. The 3 options are as follows:
  - If the boardwalk is in a safe condition, leave as is.
  - Remove the existing boardwalk and extend the peninsulas to shorten the length of a new boardwalk.
  - Remove existing boardwalk and enhance the current trail detour to match the existing trail.
- The Park Commission unanimously voted in favor of having geotechnical tests completed on Lillie Park South parking lot at a cost not to exceed \$1,900 with quotes from 3 qualified companies.

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