ELMHURST PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 13, 2023

TO: Board of Park Commissioners

FROM: James W. Rogers, Executive Director

Daniel Payne, Assistant Director/Director of Parks

RE: 2023 TREE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

ISSUE

As trees are one of the District's greatest assets, proper tree maintenance is essential for maintaining tree health. The previous tree maintenance contract expired on December 31, 2022.

DISCUSSION

The District contracts with an established and professional tree service company to perform tree maintenance including aerial pruning, line clearing, hazardous tree removals, and stump grinding. The 2023 Contractual Services budget includes \$27,500 for tree maintenance and removals.

Bid specifications were developed and included an option to extend the contract through 2024 dependent on the District's 2024 budget, overall needs, and level of satisfaction with the services provided. Requests for sealed bids were advertised through a legal notice in the Elmhurst Suburban Life on January 6, 2023 and a public bid opening was held on January 20, 2023. Eight bid packets for the project were picked up by or emailed to contractors with five contractors submitting sealed bids. On January 23, 2023, Windy City Tree Service withdrew their bid due to an error in their pricing which they would not be able to honor.

Dawsons Tree Service, Inc. submitted the lowest prices in eleven of the twelve service categories and the lowest total cost for all services requested. Contractor references and qualifications were reviewed with satisfactory results. Dawsons Tree Service, Inc. has been the District's tree maintenance contractor for the past eight years and has a solid understanding of the District's operations, parks, and tree care needs along with the equipment and workforce to complete the work.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Park Commissioners award the 2023 Tree Maintenance Contract to Dawsons Tree Service, Inc. with the option to extend the contract to 2024 and authorize the Executive Director to execute said contract accordingly.

Thank you.

Attachments: Bid Tally Sheet

2023 Tree Maintenance Contract

BID OPENING: January 20, 2023 @ 10:30 AM

COMPANY				TREE REMOVAL (Per Inch)			STUMP GRINDING (Per Inch)			STUMP HOLE RESTORATION (Per Hole)			AERIAL PRUNING		
	CONTRACTOR'S COMPLIANCE	SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION	REFERENCES	1"-12"	13"-24"	25" +	1"-12"	13"-24"	25" +	1"-12"	13"-24"	25" +	Price per Day for Crew	Price per Hour (2 hr. min)	Price per Tree for Crown Thinning
Davey Tree Co.	Not signed	/	/	2800	2800	4200	800	800	900	12500	25000	37500	2,76000	34500	475 20
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Windy City	/	/		1735	23 35	4200	625	750	800	650	825	1250	1,72500	35000	14590
Winkler	V	V	/	3500	4000	7000	1200	1400	1600	22500	25000	40000	2,40000	30000	500 00
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