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**DATE:** May 13, 2024

**TO:** Board of Park Commissioners

**FROM:** James W. Rogers, Executive Director  
Daniel Payne, Assistant Director/Director of Parks

**RE: WILDER PARK FORMAL GARDENS MASONRY PROJECT**

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**ISSUE**

The entry walls and planter bed in the Wilder Park Formal Gardens require repairs due to deteriorating bricks and mortar caused by age and environmental conditions. The work will maintain functionality and improve garden aesthetics.

**DISCUSSION**

The entry walls and planter bed are key features of the Wilder Park Formal Gardens. The entry walls serve as the gateway to the gardens from the southern sidewalks and the planter bed is a colorful accent to the northern seating area. The current condition of the bricks, mortar, and limestone caps does not match the formal nature of the gardens and detract from patron experiences while visiting the gardens. The deterioration of the bricks and mortar is causing bricks to crumble and become dislodged allowing for water infiltration that will only worsen the condition. If the bricks continue to deteriorate further, the cost to repair will increase and in the worst-case scenario may require complete removal and rebuilding of the walls. To address these issues, repointing of the mortar, brick replacement, rebuilding of top courses, and replacement of limestone caps are needed. The proposed work will restore the entry walls and planter bed to their original beauty and extend the life of the assets for many years to come.

Bid specifications were developed and requests for sealed bids were advertised through a legal notice in the Elmhurst Suburban Life on April 12, 2024. Fourteen bid packets for the project were picked up by or emailed to contractors. On April 26, 2024, a public bid opening was held for the four submitted bids. Funding for the masonry project is available in the amount of \$29,440 in the Capital Improvement Fund. The project timeline is June 3, 2024 through June 14, 2024. The work will be scheduled during the daytime hours and be limited to Monday through Thursday to minimize any impact on garden weddings and visitors.

Grove Masonry Maintenance, Inc. submitted the lowest responsible bid for the project at \$21,541. A scope review was conducted with the contractor on May 3, 2024 and positive references for similar work were received. A records search was completed with the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) with no violations found.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board of Park Commissioners (1) award the Wilder Park Formal Gardens Masonry Project to Grove Masonry Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$21,541; and (2) authorize the Executive Director to execute said contract.



Thank you.

Attachments: Bid Tally Sheet  
Photos of entry walls

2024 Wilder Park Formal Garden Masonry Project

BID OPENING: April 26, 2024 @ 10:00 AM

COMPANY	BOND	ADDENDUM #1	BID TOTAL
A-One Group	✓	✓	\$42,800 <sup>00</sup>
Berglund	✓	✓	\$69,000 <sup>00</sup>
Grove	✓	✓	\$21,541 <sup>00</sup>
Midwest Pressure Washing	✓	✓	\$49,500 <sup>00</sup>

  
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