

To:

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Through:

Carl Goldsmith, Director of Public Works

From:

Steve Kremske, Forestry/Streets/Electrical Supervisor

Date:

August 19, 2011

Subject:

Tree Consortium Bid waiver - Additional Funds for Tree Planting

\$10,000.00 is currently budgeted for parkway tree planting for FY11/12. This figure represents approximately 40 trees that will be planted in the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 planting seasons. Because of the large number of trees removed due to Emerald Ash Borer and storm damage, the Public Works Committee is recommending waiving bids and approving an increase of \$55,800.00 for tree replacement through the Suburban Tree Consortium. This increase would come from utilization of the Local Government Component of *Jobs Now* Funding.

The Suburban Tree Consortium provides top quality trees grown specifically for parkway conditions. We have received a superior product in the past and recommend waiver of bids in an amount not to exceed \$55,800.00 for trees from the Suburban Tree Consortium.

Please place this item on the Village Board agenda for September 1, 2011.