



## Legislation Text

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### Title

Mill Creek Pond Stewardship - Approval for the Proposal from Pizzo & Associates that Includes the Scope of Work and Total Cost for the Three Year Program

### History

In 2011 the Village established the Basin and Best Practices Management report. The report contains bids and evaluations on Village ponds and areas that require stewardship to ensure proper functionality and aesthetics of said areas. Since the completion of the report, the Village has worked with contractors to perform the required services. The selected companies were chosen based on price and expertise in the area of ecological restoration. Pizzo & Associates, Ltd. is one of the companies that were awarded basin and restoration work. Pizzo has proven to be extremely knowledgeable in this area of work and have provided exemplary service to the Village on high profile pond and natural area projects. Staff reached out to vendors for proposals for the invasive species control and restoration of the Mill Creek Pond site with ongoing stewardship. V3 Construction Group submitted a proposal for a three (3) year (2017, 2018, and 2019) stewardship at a cost of \$12,075.00. Pizzo & Associates has submitted a proposal for the same three year period at a cost of \$14,642, which includes the cost of a controlled burn (\$2,200.00) during the stewardship program.

The work includes the control of invasive woody and herbaceous flora through cultural methods, physical removal or the application of appropriate herbicides. The native plants will take advantage of the competitive release created by mowing, the timely application of herbicide or physical removal of the non-native plants. Implement controlled burn in natural areas and bio swales, as needed. Pizzo will use fire as a tool to clear debris, recycle nutrients and stimulate native plant and animal species. The fire crew is comprised of S130/S190 trained crew leaders knowledgeable in the fuel types present. The fire crew will create firebreaks and place noticeable signage prior to burn. Seeds will be harvested prior to the burn to allow for the post burn dispersal. Areas to be burned will contain unburned refuge for animal species. Pizzo will obtain all necessary permitting. When conducted controlled burns will be billed in addition to the General Stewardship services.

Staff recommends approving the proposal from Pizzo & Associates Ltd. The scope of work and total cost for the three year program is attached.

On May 15, 2017, this item was reviewed by the Parks & Recreation Committee, recommended for approval, and referred to the Village Board of Trustees for consideration.

### Financial Impact

Funds are budgeted in account 031-6007-443500.

### Recommended Action/Motion

I move to approve the Stewardship of Mill Creek Pond for 2017 (\$7,528.00), 2018 (\$2,457.00) and 2019 (\$2,457.00), and a control burn cost of \$2200 to Pizzo & Associates Ltd. for an amount not to exceed a total of \$14,642 for the for the three year period of 2017, 2018, and 2019.