

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

STAFF REPORT: OCTOBER 12, 2021

TREE PLANTING CONTRACT & FY22 PLANTING PROJECTS UPDATE

We received one bid from Margolis Nurseries, Inc. The average cost of an installed tree is \$331. This is under what we were estimating, and price estimates have been updated in the FY22 Projects & Budget Breakdown spreadsheet.

The resolution to award the contract to Margolis Nurseries will go to City Council on 11/15/2021. If it's passed, I anticipate we'd have a signed contract around early- to mid-December.

PROJECTS UPDATE

1. **Leslie Park Food Forest.** The fruit trees were planted at Leslie Park. Tree protection fencing is in place and the water bags have been ordered and will be placed as soon as they arrive. Staff will complete inspections on the trees by 10/15. If everything looks good, the invoices will be paid, and the project will be complete.

ITEMS OF NOTE

1. **Urban Forestry Technician.** Jamie Pauline joined the forestry team. She is a recent graduate from the University of Michigan – Dearborn with a BS in Environmental Science.