

**The following items are proposed as priorities for 2019.**

This is Fred's order of priority.

Fred provided Virginia with the list of suggested priority items on 09/23/18 so she would be aware of the decisions to be made. Fred provided the summary of pros and cons for all items suggested as priorities to Llona and Ben, and included Virginia, via email on 09/25/18. Fred's added a proposal to terminate TPAM and use some of that money for a bookkeeper. The email reply from Llona was that no discussion of priorities would take place until the Board meeting of 10/2/18.

**Fixing Drainage next to 1700 Silverwood Dr.**

Pro - No mosquito breeding, drainage will function as designed and improve drainage from swamp, disease threat from stagnant water reduced. Potential drowning would be eliminated. Home at 1701 would be able to be maintained more easily.

Con - Unknown cost. The experts employed may recommend improvements to drainage from 1741 Silverwood Dr.

**Pull beaver damaged trees from the pond**

Pro - It will improve the appearance. It will remove beaver food and building materials.

Con - Cost. Unknown, but less than removing upright trees as they are dragged across water and pulled out.

**Remove beaver damaged trees at the pond**

Pro - Safety - They will eventually fall and hit \_\_\_\_\_. At whatever point trees are declared a threat to people or property, we would be required to remove the trees anyway. It will improve appearance around the pond. It will remove beaver food and building materials.

Con - Cost - Possible another \$15,000

**Wrap Trees along ditch that "parallels" Brookside Blvd.**

Pro - It would greatly reduce the interest in beavers. That would protect the drainage ditches. Cheaper than tree removal, which would be done by hand.

Con - Cost at \$38/tree could run to \$20,000, or more

**Pond Path Improvements**

Pro - It will improve appearance. It will make pond area more accessible to walkers.

Con - Cost. Cost will depend on materials - boardwalk, vs. border grass and filler of dirt, pine straw, mulch, etc. This cannot be undertaken as long as damaged trees remain or the equipment to remove trees will destroy any path improvements. Projects that require permits will be expensive.

**Beaver Trapper**

Pro - If the beavers are removed, the threat to trees is eliminated. All tree removal and pond path work would be able to proceed.

Con - We have poured money into the project with very little return - three dead beavers removed. There is no guarantee of getting all the beavers out of the pond. The two access ditches will leave open more beavers coming in at any time. Beavers are a pervasive problem in Leon County.

**Maintenance of Boardwalks** - replace wood as needed, pressure wash, paint with textured paint

Pro - They will look better and last longer

Con - The pressure treated wood will last a long time anyway. The cost is undetermined

## **Exotic/invasive plant eradication**

Pro - healthier woodlands and common areas

Con - The cost estimate was \$26,000 and would have to be repeated several times. The invasives will come back over time - by washing in, bird droppings, or airborne seeds

Set expenditure limits for projects.

Drainage - \$10,000. Given its priority, it should be allowed to eat up the money assigned to other projects, if needed.

Remove trees from pond - \$8,000.

Remove beaver damaged trees from pond area - \$15,000

Wrap trees along Brookside Blvd. ditch - \$10,000, at this time, working from outflow area back to the east.

Pond path improvements - \$5,000. However, this should only be done after the tree removal projects - cutting and removing from pond, are completed.

Beaver Trapper - \$3,200. Waste of money

Boardwalk maintenance - \$1,000 - for replacing boards as needed

Exotic/invasive plant eradication - \$500.

Routine maintenance costs will happen as things break or are stolen, as trees fall or fail, etc.