

Memo

To: Mayor JB Lawrence & Town Council
CC: Scott Fogleman
From: Parks & Recreation Director Jennifer Brown
Date: November 9, 2016
Re: Broyhill Park Gazebo and Point

Executive Summary

Planning work regarding options associated with improving the area around the Broyhill Park Gazebo has been taking place over this summer and fall.

Improved erosion control around the Gazebo point through the installation of a small retaining wall made of natural boulders along the edge is anticipated along with greatly enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the area. This small project has been identified as a concise/package work scope that can leverage the \$30,000 Broyhill Foundation grant received earlier this year along with a grant recently received from the Blowing Rock Community Foundation. The estimated cost of \$35,000 has been arrived at following extensive discussions with a variety of contractors. One contractor has been identified that can provide the full and complete work scope at a much better value than the other contractors the project scope has been discussed with. Following a recent grant award of \$2,000 from the Community Foundation for this effort, the Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory Commission has approved an allocation of \$3,000 of their fund balance to fully fund the anticipated \$35,000 work scope. This gazebo point improvement scope was identified in the project list presented to the Broyhill Foundation back in the spring. This effort has been included with the same permit application necessary to dredge the lake and sediment pond. It is unclear exactly when the permit will be granted so staff wanted to present this work scope for Council consideration to be prepared should all approvals be provided.

Once the permit has been approved, the lake would be lowered slightly by removing the boards at the Laurel Lane end and a 220-foot-long, 2-3-foot-tall retaining wall will be built from the point of the gazebo all the way to the area where the new drain pipe comes into the lake. There will also be wire installed to help prevent erosion of the bank which will also help reduce the sediment build up in the pond. The general obligation bond funded replacement of the drain pipe, that goes from 221 to the lake, was completed as a first step earlier this year in this area prior to permit application for the dredging work. It is anticipated that the dredging work will take place in April. Depending upon when the permit is approved, the gazebo point work is expected to take two to three weeks to complete depending upon the weather.

After going through an informal bid process we discovered that very few companies provide the material and labor and the cost would be at least tripled if we had to use different companies to provide the services needed. For this reason, we suggest going with Boulder Look Stone because they have agreed to provide the materials and labor for \$35,000.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that we cooperatively work with Boulder Look Stone to improve the Broyhill Park Gazebo point for the cost of \$35,000 with appropriations from the Broyhill Foundation grant of \$30,000, the Community Foundation grant of \$2,000, and \$3,000 from BRAAC.