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To: Hamburg Township Board
From: Tony Randazzo & Duane Hoeppner

Re: Brush Cutter

We seek approval to purchase a 42" brush cutting attachment for the Bobcat Excavator to be used for trimming back brush and small trees on the Lakeland Trail. DPW will also be able to utilize it to cut the banks of the sand beds at the treatment plant. In recent years we have used a contractor to trim back brush on the trail which cost roughly \$6,000 per year. The brush cutting attachment tool will allow us to do the job effectively while also saving money and letting us control the timing of the cuts.

We will also develop safety protocols for the use of the brush cutter on the trail to ensure the safety of residents and users of the trail. This will involve a spotter and temporary barriers to keep traffic away from active cutting areas.

The brush cutting attachment tool will cost \$11,109.00 from Carleton Bobcat and was an anticipated purchase in the Buildings and Grounds budget for 23-24.