

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes

May 18, 2016

Resident Comments: No residents attended the meeting

Landscape Committee Present: Mike McLean, Judy Maxwell, Dick Olivanti, Cliff Kegeler, Larry Smith

Absent: Chad Tufts

Reviews & Updates

1. Annual Flower Planting May 25th – 17 volunteers scheduled.
2. Water Features operations – waterfall pumps in full operations.
3. Yard waste Program – first pickup was for 14 bags. –very successful, with several positive comments. Pickup will be repeated in the Fall – late October.
4. Evergreen Spray – First spray completed May 16. One comment that Tru Green spraying was not thorough in some areas. This was referred to Brinkman by the chair to resolve.
5. Shady Oak drainage – an estimate is being prepared by Brinkman to place rocks in an area that receives heavy backyard drainage and causes mower damage to the lawn. The area is marked off now, awaiting the cost estimate, and board approval.

Committee Discussions

1. Estimates pending – Brickman – rocks for shady Oak drain, & replacement trees and shrubs
2. Open Issues: Maple tree at 8888 Silver Oak Cv. in 2015 this front- yard maple tree was diagnosed with Verticillium Wilt – a soil borne fungus that attacks maple trees. This tree eventually will need removal due to a worsening condition. Treatment cost is expensive, and reportedly has limited success. Because of the log-life of the soil-borne fungus a replacement tree in the same location is not advised. Brickman will be asked to remove the dead limbs as soon as possible to improve appearance.

Landscape Committee:

Replacement trees: committee members recommended that future replacement spruce trees evergreens be species more resistant to diseases (such as needle cast). The Landscape Committee chair asked two committee members (Maxwell, McLean) to prepare a list of those spruce trees more resistant to disease. The Landscape Committee chair plans to meet with Spruce Trees Direct and Niewoonder Landscaping on this subject. Dick Olivanti and Cliff Kegeler will serve as Landscape Committee replacement tree advisors. All replacement trees and shrubs costing over \$200 each will need association board cost approval before purchase.

Night-time Sprinkler watering: The question of irrigation schedules (frequency, and night-time watering) was brought up (M.McLean). It was stated that night- time watering may contribute to lawn disease. Our watering schedule is usually 3 X per week, depending upon the time of the year, and weather. Some night-time watering in some areas is necessary to conform to the capacity of the irrigation system. The Landscape chairperson has invited the Brickman arborist to comment on this topic, and explain how our irrigation schedules are planned and customized for our environment.

Larry M. Smith

May 21, 2016