

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

September 6,2016

Committee members present: Judy Maxwell, Dick Olivanti, Michael McLean, Cliff Kegeler, Larry Smith

Absent: Chad Tufts

1. Invasive Species

The committee members Smith and Maxwell reported on the invasive species plants being treated. Judy Maxwell has been spraying two different areas for Horse Tail – a very invasive, hard-to kill plant. The areas are: Island on Oak Meadow Cove, and the raised bed at the South Entrance/exit. BrightView has also sprayed the horse tail infestation. Larry Smith has cut, removed, and sprayed 15 purple loosestrife plants – primarily on Pond #4 shoreline, and behind Hollow Creek Trail.

2. Tree Replacement Proposal

The Landscape Committee Chair presented the revised evergreen replacement proposal to be reviewed at the September 14 Association Board meeting. Two replacement trees are proposed for replacement in 2016.

The committee chair suggested evergreen and deciduous tree replacement become an “infrastructure” category landscape budget item, with replacement funding available on a limited, annual basis from the capital improvement budget. Evergreens and deciduous trees are a significant common-area asset and investment in our community, lasting 25+ years or more. The Landscape Committee members unanimously agreed with this concept and proposal, and asked that it be brought before the Board.

3. Drain Modifications

The Committee chair reviewed the proposal for modification of two drain areas on Pond #4: Selly Oak and Tangley Oak/Shady Oak drain areas. Minimal modification of these areas is needed to minimize drainage damage, and prevent mower damage. A revised proposal for minimal modification of these two areas will be reviewed by the Association Board at the September meeting. The committee fully supported this proposal.

4. Water Feature Cleaning Proposal (2017)

The revised R & A proposal for an annual cleaning of the water feature waterways (beginning in 2017) was reviewed by the committee chair, and discussed. The committee supported the proposal. The revised proposal will be presented to the Association Board at the upcoming meeting.

5. Annual Mulching

The proposal to revise the annual mulching program beginning in 2018 was reviewed. The revision would change mulching from an alternating Phase 1 & 2 one year, and then mulching Phase 3,4,5 program to a 50%/50% mulching program. The benefit of this revision is to equalize the annual costs. The exact mulching parameters will be decided in 2017. The program was supported by the committee. This program was reviewed by the Association Board at the July Meeting.

6. Fall Cleanup Program

The 2nd phase of the 2016 Yard Waste Pickup program is planned for October, 2016. It is expected that more residents will participate in the Fall program. The Landscape Committee recommended October 27 as the Yard Waste Pickup date. Details will be e-mailed to residents, and included in the upcoming newsletter issue.

7. Committee input

Judy Maxwell – the Hydro-seeding mixture for new lawns has been sprayed onto pine tree bases. The mixture has become difficult to remove, and may cause tree damage. This issue will be passed on to AVB Customer Service for Niewoonder Landscaping service.

Mike McLean – BrightView continues to damage the trim and cladding areas with weed trimmers – using heavy-duty monofilament line. This issue will be referred to Gardner Mgmt. and BrightView.

Landscape Committee members have been actively involved in the community – controlling invasive species, trimming shrubbery and evergreen trees, spraying shrubbery with fungicide, and responding to resident's questions on landscape issues.

Larry M. Smith

Landscape Committee Chair

September 8, 2016

