

Landscape Committee Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM.

1. Introductions and Member updates were made: Jack Seydow was acknowledged as our new HOA Board liaison. John Bennett has resigned from the committee due to other commitments.

2. Financials were reviewed by Neil Hartenstein: The budget is \$295K which is a reduction of \$13K from our 2016 Budget. It is our first reduction since 2011. In 2016 we were budgeted \$308K. We spent 86.3% or \$286K. The Landscape Budget has increased every year since 2011. These budget figures do not include the Tree, Flower, Snow, Pond or Irrigation funds.

3. The tentative landscaping schedule for the spring was explained by Neil Hartenstein. Dormont Oil was applied in March. The initial spring cleanup will be done in mid April which includes a pre-emergent herbicide application. The cost is \$19,313. The next treatment will be mulching of the foundation beds and tree rings at an approximate cost of \$26K.

We will begin mowing in April. We are contracted for 25 cuts/year. Extra cuts have to be approved by the Board. The cost per cut is approximately \$5K which does not include edging and bed maintenance. Shearon edges during every other mowing. Pre-crabgrass control, weed control and grub treatment will occur later. The average cost for those three treatments is \$14K. We will need to treat for Tent Caterpillars and Japanese beetles in June. Review of summer treatments were discussed briefly. Updates for those will occur at our next meeting.

4. Subcommittee reports:

Ponds: Jere Doyle reported that no changes have occurred during the winter. He will check with Solitude on their plans for placing the aerators.

Flowers: Mary Tilger discussed the need for more treatment of the tree volcanos. She feels that we should not plant pansies in the entrances as they have not done well. They are a favorite target of deer. She suggested we invest in bulbs. She will look into having Shearon procure the bulbs for us.

Trees: Alan Kirsch reviewed the tree project in the irrigated areas around the Sloan Clubhouse. The HOA Board has supported the \$8K project. A proposal for a parallel project of comparing irrigated street trees will serve as a control. The trees in Phase 4 that need replacement will be handled by the Transition Committee. Toll has placed a value of \$40K for the replacement.

Trails: The trail committee was tasked with inspecting the trails for winter damage. Len Lobel and Howard Gordon will head that effort.

Irrigation: Hydroscares will inspect and open the common area's irrigation system in April. They will monitor the systems through the summer and early fall.

5. Discussion:

Mary Tilger discussed the plans for the planting of the eyebrow on Hillview Drive. She will present plans for this project. She will coordinate with Diane and the Board for plans. She also noted that Shearon should not dump snow on that eyebrow.

Neil noted that the invoices for the last snow will be discussed at a later date. They are still under evaluation by him and George. The snow clearing process will be discussed at that time.

5. Discussion continued:

The Transition Committee informed us that Jeff Rogers has left Toll. Jeff was the primary contact. Bob Derbyshire is dealing with that issue. It was noted that Jean Corday is an excellent contact person when trying to deal with Toll.

6. Next Meeting:

The committee will meet again in early June. A date will be chosen later after members have determined their availability.

Respectfully,

George Hager,
CoChairman L&SC