

REGENCY AT PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE Meeting, April 19, 2018 at the Sloan Club Room

Present: Art Lebofsky, Linda Tornetta, Alan Kirsch, Len Lobel, Joe Malone, Howard Gordon, Linda Kulp, Ed DiGian, Peg West, Bruce Sieving, Ed O'Connor, Ralph Hoppel, Tom Davis – Board Liaison and Nino Morello – Board Member

- 1- Call to Order – Art convened the meeting at 4:32 pm
- 2- Approval of Minutes: **Joe Malone moved, Alan Kirsch seconded, acceptance of the minutes of the February 15, 2018 meeting; all in favor.**
- 3- **The following unanimously approved email votes are duly recorded:**
  - a) **Motion moved by Bruce Sieving, seconded by Kurt TeKolste, recommends to the HOA Board, that henceforth members of the Pond Subcommittee change out the dielectric fluid in pond aerator motor at the recommended 3-year intervals. (Board comment – for one year only, will be added to contract in the future.)**
  - b) **Motion moved by Linda Kulp, seconded by Kurt TeKolste, recommends to the HOA Board that henceforth we run all 3 pond aerators from 4am-7pm daily.**
  - c) **Motion moved by Mary Tilger, seconded by Joe Malone and Ed DiGian, recommends to the HOA Board, that our contractor,  
— edge all trees in the open spaces near each of the clubhouses and entrances to phases 1,2,3,4 to a radius of 20 inches from the tree trunk.  
— that material and grass from edging be disposed of and not added to the top of any mulch mounds.  
— that they smooth out the existing area before adding new mulch.  
— that after the area is cleared a 3 inch layer of mulch be applied to the tree circle, not to be piled high next to tree trunk.  
— this work would be done in coordination with the regular spring mulching.**

d) **Motion** by Linda Tornetta, second by Art Lebofsky. The Flower Sub-Committee would like to change its heading to the “Garden and Plant Maintenance Committee”. This committee will continue to be a sub-committee under the general Landscape Committee and will include the former flower sub- committee as part of its responsibility. The new heading will continue to encompass the same responsibility for the flowers and other plantings at the three entrance locations, but will now add the care and maintenance of all garden areas in the entire community, including both the Sloan and Regency Club House grounds.

4- Treasurer’s Report: Alan reported the Budget and approved amounts to date:

	Lawncare	Flowers	Trees	Ponds	Sprinkler
Budget	\$295,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$7,000	\$4,000
Approved to date	1,463				
Net	\$293,537	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$7,000	\$4,000

He also noted that the current Opt-out list reduces our yearly expenses by approximately \$5,100.

5- Linda and Art reports as Co-Chairs:

Linda –**The first lawn service by Outside Unlimited (OU) highlighted that the OPT-OUT forms are out of sync with the contract and the communication with OU needs refinement, she is working on a plan for both.**

Art – **The Irrigation Committee will be chaired by Bruce Sieving. The notifications received from residents are being archived for action and future referral.**

6- Sub-Committee reports:

-Garden and Plant Maintenance: Entrance annual flowers have been purchased and will be planted by OU as soon as weather permits at a cost of \$2,250. **The perennial plan for the entrances is being prepared. A new garden has been recommended for the Phase 4 pool area, this will be considered later in the year.**

-Ponds: Aerating fountains have been installed, fountain timers have been reset and screens installed for approval of insertion of grass carp. **Future activity includes investigating the apparent**

**failure of the Pond 2 well pump and researching the requirement to dredge each pond.**

-Trees: Mulch mounds around base of trees at entrances has been addressed with OU. A discussion and unanimous acceptance of a resolution concerning evergreens with large bases. **Motion by Linda Tornetta, seconded by Alan Kirsch, to create a policy if an evergreen tree on common property or in the rear yard of a resident has branches that are low and cover the original mulch circle, such that mowers can no longer reach that original circle, then those trees will no longer be edged or mulched. If the original mulched circle is visible and can be mowed up to, then that circle will be edged and mulched.**

-Trails: No report.

-Irrigation: The systems have been pressurized and tested and repaired as necessary. The extension of the Fairmount and Eden entryway systems was completed. **A turn on date needs to be determined. Phase 4 entryway excessive water usage needs to be reviewed.**

-Lawn Care: The “course grass” will be reviewed by an OU expert. **The OU killing of grass on lawn perimeters has been referred to the Snow Committee.** The mechanical edging by OU has caused several problems and they have reverted to a manual process – reported problems are being repaired as appropriate by OU.

7- Unfinished Business:

Suggested dates for Fall open committee meeting are September 20 or October 18– TBD.

**Annual Inspection checklists were distributed to sub-committee chairs, due back to Art by May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

8- New Business:

Linda and Art will have overlapping absence in May – temporary point of contact will be Diane.

9- Board Liaison report on current Board activity was given by Tom Davis.

10- With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm.

**All motions and action items are in bold print. The Committee minutes are reviewed and agreed to by the members before they are finalized and posted to the web site. A formal vote to**

**approve the minutes is then taken at the next Committee meeting.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Leonard Lobel, Secretary