

REGENCY AT PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION,
LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE Meeting, September 20, 2018

Present: Art Lebofsky, Linda Tornetta, Alan Kirsch, Joe Malone, Linda Kulp, Bruce Sieving, Mary Tilger, Vera Noll, Ed O'Conner, Ed DiGian, Howard Gordon, and Tom Davis – Board Liaison

1- Call to Order – Art convened the meeting at 4:30 pm. He noted and welcomed guests to our Open Meeting; Art will be Acting Secretary.

2-Approval of Minutes: **Joe Malone moved, Alan Kirsch seconded, acceptance of the minutes of the July 19th, 2018 meeting; all in favor.**

3-Treasurer's Report: Alan reported that 8 additional invoices from Outside Unlimited were received. Alan, Art and Linda met with the HOA Board representatives to answer questions about the 2019 budget submission. **Art will contact Diane B. to determine if Coon Hollow Pond Maintenance and Hydroscares have submitted any recent invoices and/or reports.**

4- Linda and Art gave their reports as Co-Chairs: Linda reported that the Landscape Committee had created an ad-hoc committee to study opt-outs. The report and a modified draft of a new opt-out form were circulated for consideration and a possible vote, as a recommendation to the HOA Board in October. Art reported that the pond budget line request is to be increased by \$2,000 due to the Goose Chaser contract becoming an LC responsibility. He also reminded the committee that he leaves as co-chair after the November meeting, but will work with his replacement to ensure a smooth transition. OU has shifted to using smaller hand-held mowers for front yards and wet area mowing based on community input. There is an opening on the committee for a new Trails member. Finally, he reported that he is **working to clarify language across documents, from ARC, to HOA Board, to LC contract areas.**

5-Sub-Committee reports:

-Garden and Plant Maintenance: Linda T. reported on the reason for the sub-committee name change from just "Flowers". An inventory of all RAP gardens was completed and a 3-year plan developed for refurbishing these. Fall flower planting work should start soon.

- -Ponds: Bruce reported there is a current issue with the rear aerator in the phase 2 pond and it is being studied by the contractor. There is an algae bloom in the RH pond, and that too is being monitored.

- -Trees: Mary reported that **a list, by phase, of all trees needing work was submitted to Diane and we are awaiting a response from the tree service company.**

- -Trails: The committee shared that weed growth on all trails continues to be an issue, mainly attributed to weather. **OU needs to address this, possibly with an optional service application of weed killer.**

- -Irrigation: Bruce reported that Hydroscares did a service visit on July 10: there were 7 defective rotor spray heads replaced, a drip line at Sloan Clubhouse relocated, 1 spray head extension installed, and duration times reset for several zones system wide. Fairmount and Eden systems still over-pressurized at 100+ psi. Meeting on site with PA American Water to determine if they can help resolve this. Water Usage Review for Entrance Systems is on-going. A System Description Narrative and photographic description of all five irrigation systems has been completed and filed for future reference.

- -Lawn Care: Ed O'Connor reported that, considering the type of summer we experienced this year, the grass, in general, looks good in all four phases. There are fungus patches in all four phases...probably due to heat and humidity.

There are many weeds between the curb and the sidewalk in all four phases; this may require re-seeding. There is damage from the large mowers in wet areas of grass. There is a concern on some properties that edging and trimming is too low to the ground.

We also need to look at the contract timing for lawn fertilizing services.

6-Unfinished Business: What to do about the Spotted Lanterfly (SLF): the SLF is now in all 4 phases, but worst in phase 4. Pressure needs to be applied to the Township to follow the recommended action to eliminate the Tree of Heaven, which is the prime breeding location for the insect. The state has money to address the problem. Residents need to continue to report the infestation as described in previous RAP Flyers, and start looking for egg masses, which should be scraped off any

smooth surface into a container of alcohol and disposed. The SLF has now also been seen on RAP maple trees.

7-New Business: A- Art is creating a document to clarify use of terminology across all RAP documents, contracts, policy statements and rules and regulations. B- An ad Hoc sub-committee was established to develop a plan and proposal for remediation work alongside the area near the Hillview trail, where grass areas and plantings have fallen into disrepair. Mary T. will lead this effort with Howard and Alan, and report back at or before the next meeting.

8-Board Liaison report: Tom Davis mentioned that the Board is very focused at this time on completing the budget package to be presented to the community at the annual meeting. Mary T. updated the Board Liaison on the remediation work that Shearon was to complete from last year's budget.

9-Community input: Residents raised a number of issues: a- what to do about the growth on adjacent lands behind Hillview where the fence used to be (suggestion was offered to contact Diane to pursue this issue); b- questions on the landscape budget, tree care, and thatch remnants, were presented, noted and addressed; c- there was a question about trees in the buffer area behind homes and on adjacent properties and how this can be handled (it was suggested, again, that homeowners contact Diane with specifics so the matter can be addressed) .

10- With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6: 00 pm and the committee entered an executive session to discuss the report of the ad hoc committee on opt-outs. Based on that discussion **Linda T. will submit a revised draft of the opt-out form for consideration at the next full committee meeting, October 18th, 4:30 pm, Sloan Clubhouse.**

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,
Art Lebofsky, Acting Secretary