

REGENCY AT PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION,
LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Meeting, April 10, 2019

Present: Alan Kirsch, Bob Derbyshire, Bruce Sieving, Ed Idzik, Ed O'Connor, Howard Gordon, Joe Malone, Leonard Lobel, Len Nespoli, Mary O'Connor, Nancy Carey, Peg West, Ralph Hoppel, Sharon Patterson and Vera Noll.

1-Call to Order – Len Nespoli convened the meeting at 4:00 pm.

2- Approval of Minutes for meeting of March 13, 2019: Motion by Bruce and Seconded by Ed – Acceptance all in favor.

3- Len updated committee on Board approval of updated By-Laws necessitated by recent re-organization. **OU was tasked to fill sidewalk to curb depressions for all 4 phases at a cost of \$7,300.** This work will commence within the next few weeks. It was noted that some areas suffer constant erosion which will need to be revisited. OU created a work schedule by month of contractual services to be performed. The timing for the lawn fertilizer applications will be changed from June, September and November to May, August and November following the recommendation of OU. **The OU contract will be amended for the no cost change in the fertilization schedule; Board to review and approve.** Spring cleanup, including dormant oil spraying, some spring bush trimming, pre-emergence in beds and mulching has begun. The first lawn cutting and the lawn pre-emergence application are scheduled for the week of April 14th.

4- Treasurer's report – The LC budget for 2019 is: \$270,000 for landscaping, \$8,000 for flowers and \$10,000 for trees. A projected expense spreadsheet based on the OU work schedule by month was presented - projected expenses match the budget. Two work proposals were approved - Elite Tree Care \$1,100 for dead tree removal throughout the community and OU \$283 for removal of lirioppe from the front of the guard shack in Phase 4, backfilling the area with topsoil and mulching.

5- Trees – **Ed Idzik recommended that the fallen Leyland Cypress in the common area behind 414 Peter Way be removed and replaced with a River Birch. The two Norway Spruces on the right side of the entrance to Phase 1 are dead and need to be removed. Also**

confirmed that the Blue Spruce in the same bed has Needle Cast and needs to be removed. The Spruce tree stumps will be ground down. Mary Tilger will make a recommendation on replacing those trees. Two Arborvitae by the Hills Clubhouse along Regency Hills Dr., were dead, Members of the tree subcommittee were given permission to remove the arborvitae. A nearby down spout discharging rain water into the bed that the two Arbs where planted was identified as the problem. Facilities Committee will correct the discharge issue and Mary Tilger will make a recommendation on replacing those shrubs. A Maple tree near the entrance to Phase 4 along Black Rock Road has been dead for two years and needs to be cut down and replaced in the fall. Along the walking trail behind the houses on Hillview there is a stump protruding 8 inches above ground in the common area that gets mowed which needs to be cut down below grade, also dead Spruce and Pine trees and a broken Cherry tree need to be removed. In the Phase 4 pond area, a Cherry tree has fallen on the fence, the tree needs removal and the fence repaired. Bids were received and all removal work assigned to Elite at a cost of \$1,100, work to be accomplished during one visit at a later date.

6- Lawn - Ralph reported that most lawn damage reported from 2018 was not properly remedied. An updated damage report was given to OU for them to establish a time when best to complete repairs. A question was raised regarding a possible lawn reclamation project in Phases 1 & 2. A discussion on the topic was tabled until a future time.

7- Trails – Howard reported that Phase 1, 2 & 3 has thinning of stone in many areas and weeds that need attention - OU to address. Storm drains adjacent to the trails have sunken and need work – Bob said Board is planning their spring walk through and will evaluate requirements.

8 – Flowers – Three bids were received and OU was awarded the flower contract for the entranceways at a cost of \$3,400. It was also noted that 2 dead bushes near the Sloan clubhouse entrance need to be removed.

9- Organizational – The committee discussed establishing a strategic plan to refresh the Fairmount and Eden entrances. OU has submitted

renderings but the committee felt more input was needed before making any decisions, the flower committee will add this to their task list.

11- Adjournment at 5:35 pm by motion of Ralph and Second by Ed – all affirmed.

Next meeting date and time TBD at Sloan Clubroom

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 Landscape Committee