

REGENCY AT PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
PONDS AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

Meeting of March 22, 2019

Present: Bob Derbyshire, Bruce Sieving, Linda Kulp, Ray Buckley, Kurt TeKolste

1. Call to Order -- Kurt TeKolste convened the meeting at 9:05AM
2. As this is our first official meeting there are no minutes to approve

OLD BUSINESS

1. Following the concurrence of the Board with the recommendation to postpone purchase of a new aeration system the report researched and written by Bruce Sieving describing the options for new aeration systems has been distributed to the committee members and placed in the committee archive.
2. The committee provided comments on the committee policy and bylaws documentation which were incorporated into the version approved by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

IRRIGATION

1. Bob Derbyshire reported that, although the contract with Hydroscares has been delayed due to the management transition, Hydroscares is proceeding with the activation of the irrigation systems, tentatively scheduled for April 4.
2. The committee discussed the "hot box" near the entrance to Regency Hills that had been toppled by the wind. Although it has been repaired a bid for its replacement was received and has been placed in the archive for future reference. The Committee would like to know why these valves have been placed above ground, unlike similar valves elsewhere. It has been suggested that we ask Hydroscares if it is necessary to have them above ground.

3. Kurt TeKolste asked for thoughts as to what steps the Committee should take to monitor the irrigation systems. The consensus of the Committee is that any problems will be obvious and that the routine maintenance done by the contractor provide sufficient coverage of the mechanical health of the system. In addition, we will watch for over- and under-watering and take appropriate action to adjust the system duty cycles as needed. The Committee will communicate will coordinate with Hydroscares to ensure that the irrigation settings are appropriate. A log of adjustments made to the irrigation settings will be maintained by the Committee and/or the contractor.

## PONDS

1. Bob Derbyshire noted that there is a significant population of goldfish in ponds 2 and 4 and wondered if this a problem for the ponds or for the desired grass carp population. The Committee will ask the contractor this question.
2. Kurt TeKolste noted that the ponds contractor has been notified of the Board's decision to postpone the purchase of a new aerator until there is evidence that the current configuration is not adequate. He reports that the contractor agrees with this decision and that the aerators, although helpful, are not essential for the ponds and it is unlikely that a few weeks without an aerator will damage the ponds or the grass carp.
3. The Committee has opted to run the aerators from 5AM until 8PM every day.
4. The Committee noted that it is not easy to see if there are any grass carp surviving in the ponds. We are to check with the contractor on both of these questions.
5. Bob Derbyshire reported that the repair by Thomas Keyes of the pond 2 pipe bid has been approved by the Board and the contract should be formalized by Mary Kay soon.
6. The contractor has been notified that the phase 3 pond seems to drain slowly, as if to pipe is clogged.

## GEESE

1. We noted that the Geese Chasers seem to be doing a good job and that geese problems are either nonexistent or obvious so no particular process is needed.

## ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

We will meet again in late May or early June. Exact date will be determined by the Chairman based upon polling the members on their availability..

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.