

Tuscany Landscape Committee Meeting
Saturday, October 30, 2020
Renaissance Park

The meeting was called to order at 1 PM by Chairman Dennis Jacky.

A 'Meet & Greet' was conducted at the Renaissance Park picnic table area on Saturday.

The Landscape Committee currently has 22 members (including the Chairman). Every Tuscany subdivision phase is represented, and some have multiple members representing their area. The Tuscany Village is being represented by a committee member living on Arno Avenue next to Locust Grove Rd.

The Chairman updated the members on several Landscaping issues decided by the HOA board and Sentry Mgt:

- New Christmas lights have been approved at the entrances.
- New flowers have been approved for spring at the entrances, including annuals and perennials, perhaps bulbs. The company handling the Silverstone Corporation property on Eagle Rd will do the work.
- The Drainage issue on the path leading West from the South most Lake off Palermo that joins the pathway to Terza/Basilica streets has been determined to be caused by poor drainage rather than broken sprinkler lines. It will be addressed in the spring.
- The Tuscany common area on E. Amity Rd from Montague West to the farm-house property will have improved drainage for our homeowners North of that fence.
- The Patio Home common areas with Gazebos have had terrible drainage issues. The bark had to be removed until a solution was found. Two issues were identified; 1) The sprinkler wiring system was out-dated and allowed all heads to run at the same time. 2) Rain-water dripped off each Gazebo and the water had no where to drain. Lawn Co. installed two test drainage systems that have worked. The Gazebo landscaping area was recently covered with rocks in every area and the test drainages will be reevaluated in the spring and expanded if still successful.
- The President of the HOA informed me that the Board has approved a new tree service that will monitor and spray any tree on the HOA commons area to prevent diseases next year.
- The board now has a process to approve committee member volunteer work parties. The landscape chairman will submit a formal request and outline what, where, and when, the work will be done. If approved, volunteers will be asked to sign a liability waiver.

The Chairman read and reviewed the new HOA Charter for the Landscape Committee. Discussion followed that review, and all members present, agreed that L liability issues were a concern for the HOA/BOD and needed to be addressed. Several members not in attendance also confirmed to the Chairman that the committee Charter was a good idea.

The Chairman next addressed the 38 Landscape Committee issues reported between August 29 and October 20, 2020. Eight of those issues were involving Private Property, which is now outside the scope of our committee. Eleven of those remaining issues were fixed/completed by vendors working for Sentry Mgt.

Major concerns for the Landscape Committee members are mostly centered on these issues:

1. Extreme over watering on the common lawns, causing drainage issues, and mowing machine swampy spots.
2. Lakes with excessive bulrush weeds, no aeration, and white evaporative stains on the lake retaining stones.
3. Dying trees (some have been addressed by the BOD) aging perennials, overgrown Artic Willows
4. Over hanging trees/bush along walk paths.
5. Common area lawn invasive species like creeping bent grass is going unchecked in our common areas.

The chairman closed the meeting at 2:15 PM
Dennis Jacky