



## Landscape Committee Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2022 – 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Tuscany Clubhouse

### Attendees:

Craig Hoffman – Chair (craighoffman60@gmail.com)	Connie Enneking – Secretary (cje_7995@hotmail.com)	Brett Neukam – HOA Board Treasurer
Thomas Sauer	Susan Buffington	Bea Okamoto
Chris Groll	Sandy Scott	Richard Gardner

### Old Business:

- **Lawn Co Top priorities**

The committee agreed upon 3 top priorities for Lawn Co over the next month. (See attachments at the end of the meeting notes for further details.)

### New Business:

- **Lawn Co contract**

Due to the many issues with Lawn Co over the last several years, the committee feels that Lawn Co's contract should not be renewed. (See attachments at the end of the meeting notes for further details.)

- **Dying/Dead shrubs and ornamental grasses**

The committee has noticed many dead shrubs and ornamental grasses in the common areas. There is also a lot of old lavender that can't be trimmed up and saved. The committee would like to see all of this cleaned up this fall. (See attachments at the end of the meeting notes for further details.)

- **Retaining wall**

A committee member brought forward the extent of repairs needed on the retaining walls along Locust Grove. Many of the caps are loose and have been moved around by passersby. The committee is

concerned about safety and liability. (See attachments at the end of the meeting notes for further details.)

- **StreetLights**

The landscape committee discussed the numerous streetlights in the neighborhood that are covered by trees. It would be nice if the streetlights were uncovered so they could aid in the security of the subdivision. (See attachments at the end of the meeting notes for further details.)

- **Bentgrass and Crabgrass**

The common areas have become quite infested with bentgrass and crabgrass. These need to be treated. (See attachments at the end of the meeting notes for further details.)

- **Trees at Renaissance Park**

A committee member raised concerns over the pine trees on the west side of Renaissance Park. They are blocking the walking path and the cones create a hazard as well.

Brett called Meridian Parks and Rec after the meeting and spoke to their arborist. He indicated that they will be coming out soon to structurally prune the ash trees. He will add the pine trees on the west side of the park to their list. The pinecones will be cleared off the sidewalks on a weekly schedule by Lawn Co. The pinecones that are not on the walking path will be cleaned up this fall.

**Next Meeting:**

The next landscape committee meeting will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the clubhouse.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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## Lawn Co – Top Priorities:

The Tuscan Landscape Committee recommends that Lawn Co's top priorities for the next 30 days are:

1. Trim all trees to adhere to clearance requirements for streets and walkways.
2. Sprinkler adjustments and head replacements.
3. Remove and spray Canada thistle around ponds.

The following shows overgrowth on the walking path between Palermo Drive and the park:





## **Tuscany Subdivision Landscape Company Change Proposal**

The Tuscany Landscape Committee would like to propose to the Tuscany HOA board that Lawn Co's contract be terminated at the end of the year. The committee recommends that Lawn Co be replaced with either one company, or with multiple small companies that would each have a section of common area within the subdivision.



## **Tuscany Subdivision Bentgrass and Crabgrass treatment**

The Tuscany Landscape Committee would like to propose to the Tuscany HOA board that the bentgrass and crabgrass be treated throughout the common areas. Fall is a good time to treat bentgrass.



## **Tuscany Subdivision Dead/Dying Shrub and Ornamental Grass Cleanup**

The Tuscany Landscape Committee would like to propose to the Tuscany HOA board that all dead shrubs and ornamental grasses within common areas be removed this fall. It is also recommended that all old lavender plants be removed.



## **Tuscany Subdivision Retaining Wall Repair**

The Tuscany Landscape Committee would like to propose to the Tuscany HOA board that the retaining wall along Locust Grove be repaired. There are many areas where the wall is starting to break down and give way. This is a serious safety hazard and liability for the HOA.





## **Tuscany Subdivision Streetlights**

The Tuscany Landscape Committee would like to propose to the Tuscany HOA board that within the next year, all common area trees are trimmed if they are blocking a streetlight. It is also recommended that all homeowners are informed to do the same with any trees on their property that are hiding/covering streetlights. Allowing all streetlights to be clear from trees helps with the security of the subdivision.