

Grounds and Facilities Committee Meeting Notes for Monday, February 24, 2014

Attendees: Tom Oleksa, Pam Ellinger, Pat O'Loughlin, Lonnie McLaughlin, Gayle Scrase, Louis Burns and Fred Faber and Walter Zeier

Absent: Rory Gaydos

- I. Call to Order - Tom Oleksa at 5:30
- II. Lou moved to approve October 2013 minutes, Lonnie seconded, motion passed.
- III. Committee Member Assignments for 2014-2015
 - A. Landscaping –Pat O'Loughlin, Pam Ellinger
 - B. Facilities – Gayle Scrase, Louis Burns, Fred Faber
 - C. Communications – Tom Oleksa, Rory Gaydos, Lonnie McLaughlin
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Landscaping:
 1. Pam met with our horticulturist, Jeff, to discuss the variety of annuals that will be planted at our entrances. Jeff stated that larger pots of annuals will be purchased this year; reducing planting time and creating a quicker color impact in the beds. Pam suggested removing some of the grasses that are hiding our stone walls. Some of these grasses could be replanted at the Glick/745 intersection to hide the utility boxes and balance the look of the bed.
 - B. Facilities:
 1. Fred suggested that having additional benches along common area pathways would be useful to those walking the paths; gives them a place to rest. Fred will gather cost information and determine what areas could accommodate a bench. Pat stressed that any new benches should be consistent with the existing ones. Everyone on the committee agreed.
 2. A new tennis pro has been hired. She is employed full-time as the Director of men's and women's tennis at OSU. At Muirfield Village, she will be responsible for the administrative duties, hiring of instructors and teaching the adult program.

C. Communications:

1. Nothing new to report at this time.

V. Reports – Walter Zeier

Website has been created in-house with many improvements. New site went live 11/14/13. To date, there have been 10,000 page looks and approximately 33% of residents have signed up to receive electronic communications. The use of electronic communication will eventually cut our printing and distribution costs.

The Dedication program which was launched during 2013 has been very successful. 10 trees, 2 benches and 2 swings have been installed. The program will continue into 2014.

We had piles of wood generated from the cutting of Ash trees. To date, 100 cords of wood have been sold.

VI. New Business

- A. Committee suggested that a quality wood splitting machine be purchased as many additional trees will be cut during 2014. The sale of the wood should offset the cost of a splitting machine.

VII. Resident Comments

- A. Several residents were upset because that could not walk the pathways due to snow not being removed. The following are reasons for not plowing paths:
 1. No equipment;
 2. Potential damage to resident's property that abuts the paths;
 3. Our insurance company has advised us that an effort to clear paths that is not 100% successful could create a potential lawsuit. If a resident slips, falls and is injured on the path, they could sue the Association.
- B. Residents are concerned about "junk" cars that are parked on the street and in resident's driveways for an extended period of time. These situations should be reported to the City of Dublin, code enforcement division.
- C. Residents wanted to know if there was going to a change in the swim break policy at our pools next year. There will not.
- D. What is the policy regarding tree removal on resident's property? Tree removal must be permitted by the Design & Review committee. They will also suggest the number and size of trees to be replanted.

- E. When will damaged mail box numbers be replaced? An order has been placed for numbers and when they are received, replace will begin. We are seeking a source for reasonably priced metal numbers that should be more durable than the current plastic numbers. To replace the existing plastic numbers, approximately 19,000 numbers will need to be purchased.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm

Future 2014 Meeting Dates – April 28, June 30, August 25, October 27