

MUIRFIELD GROUNDS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
August 25th, 2008

Members in attendance: Chris Curry, Pam Ellinger, Gary Longstreth, Cynthia Reed, Doug Smith, and Walter Zeier.

Meeting was called to order by: Gary Longstreth, Vice Chairman.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: July 28th, 2008 were approved & accepted 1st by Doug 2nd by Pam.

PRESENTATION OF NEW COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

New Committee Structure: In our last meeting John suggested that each committee member come to this meeting ready to choose one, of three sub-committee's, 1) Landscaping; 2) Facilities; or 3) Communications & External Partnerships.

Gary suggested that in lieu of John not being able to attend this meeting, along with a few other committee members, that each of us email our preference to John as to which committee we would most like to serve before our next meeting. He reiterated that each member on these sub-committees is to report to Grounds & Facilities each meeting on responsible areas and solicit resident feedback.

Grounds & Facilities Committee "Going Greener"!

Gary reminded everyone that this is the last meeting in which we would all be receiving an agenda by snail-mail. That from this point forward—notifications shall be sent ALL by E-MAIL. (Beginning for our September, 2008 meeting.)

OLD BUSINESS

Grounds Projects:

Grounds Maintenance - Bagworms: Walter stated staff has begun to spray for bagworms along our pathways at least 20ft back, in addition to along our roadsides on common grounds.

Grounds Maintenance – Evasive Plants: Pam inquired if we have any sort of game plan in place for taking out evasive Honeysuckle, and/or other evasive plants.

Walter responded that we do not have any sort of game plan for evasive plants at this time, other than our usual cutting back along our pathways and roadways for general maintenance. Walter offered that it has always been the policy of our village to preserve our natural wooded habitat as much as possible. Then added, that we do not have the manpower currently to go into our natural vegetation areas and clear them out, nor do we want to destroy a lot of the natural vegetation that in some instances serve as a natural buffer to help shore up edges into our streams etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Grounds Projects: Walter stated that the face-boards on our fence that have been broken by vandals have slowed down quite a bit.

Cynthia stated that there are (3) three face-boards currently along Dublin/745 pathway that have been broken and in need of repair.

Walter stated that he'd just driven down that way earlier today and had made note of those boards for repair.

Grounds Projects: Muirfield Pond Bridge: Walter stated that our bridge along this pond is unfortunately rotting away. He stated that he is currently looking into finding a replacement bridge, but it has not been easy. He also stated that it needs to be (8-10) ft wide, by at least (45) ft long. He feels that the beautiful arches under this bridge would be too complicated for staff to attempt to duplicate.

Association Firewood: Doug inquired about how much notice was necessary to purchase association firewood.

Walter stated that in most instances that it's taken sometimes up to a year for advance notice. Then added that he has staff cut down trees, and cut, split, and stack, during down times throughout the year, so that there's no way to really request for delivery for a specific time.

Doug complimented staff for doing a great job in cutting and splitting the wood for good burning in our fireplaces, and in particular for stacking the wood at any specified place upon the home-owners property upon delivery.

Entranceway Irrigation Projects: Walter again noted that this year we have been working on repairing the Memorial and Dublin Road irrigation leak, *that was corrected by the installation crew hired for this past installation.*

He also added that our new entranceways that will be done in-house this year *by our own staff* are, Caithness Drive, Castle Bay Drive, and Finlarig Drive. He noted that we've called Oops, for them to mark for a water tap in the above areas.

Pitlochry Stream: Walter stated staff has added (12-18") stones along the banks of this stream. He noted that we'd just lost one big tree there, so we felt it was more than necessary to add this rock to help shore-up and stabilize the banks so that we don't lose any other trees.

Facilities: Pools & Tennis Courts:

Glick Pool: Water Slide: Walter stated that our new "Water Slide" has been open for our 2008 Spring/Summer Season.

HRC Pool: Water Spray: Walter also stated that our new "Water Spray" has been open for our 2008 Spring/Summer Season, and *will remain open past our pool closing* into October.

Cynthia inquired if we'd scheduled the sub-contractors to come in to repair the cracks once it has closed for this 2008 season.

Walter responded that we'd actually held back money owed to them to assure that they would come back and repair it properly at the end of our Spray Season 2008. Walter reiterated that we just wanted to be able to use the Spray as long as possible this season.

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Walter stated that our Spray motion sensors have worked beautifully this year for conserving as much water as possible, shutting itself off in between residents coming up to use the Spray.

Sign Replacements: Gary inquired when we would be replacing the last few remaining wooden signs in and around Muirfield Village.

Walter stated that we are just waiting for approval from our Association Board Members.

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

Cynthia stated that she'd received a resident phone call from **Ms. Sue Harnden – 5885 Kilbannon Ct. - Lot #336. – "Lap Area"** She stated that she was concerned about our "Lap Area" not being sectioned of this year at our HRC pool, and when we did get around to it after several requests – the plastic buoys on the ropes were in bad disrepair –splintering in some cases.

Walter stated that we've already put an order in for new ones for next year.

Cynthia stated that also, Ms. Harnden was very concerned regarding our "**Narin Court – Pathway "T"**". She stated there is a constant flood plain there and this causes residents to walk around it, in the mud making a real mess of the area resident's yards. She inquired if there may be a way to fix with proper drainage.

Walter stated unfortunately, that many homes drains down to that point there onto the pathway, and there are no drains, and no easements to add a drain in that area.

Cynthia stated Ms Harnden also mentioned while talking to me that there are instances where dirt has been added around steep edges of our pathways instead of gravel, creating also another mud mess.

Walter stated, unfortunately dirt with grass seed has been the best option, since some residents object to gravel being added near their yards for mowers, etc to throw up.

Cynthia stated that she'd also received a phone call, in which she called our office immediately from **Ms. Anita Smialek – 6124 Grey Friar Way Ct – Lot #1527. – "Broken Branches Blocking Roadway"** She stated that City trucks had come by and broken many branches from our court and left in street. She stated that the court branches needed trimmed back out of our roadway, in addition to pickup of the broken branches left in street.

Walter stated that staff did immediately respond and trim back and clean up mess.

NEXT MEETING **September 29th, 2008, @ 6:00 PM - Meeting Adjourned @ 7:00PM**
Respectively submitted, Cynthia Reed.