

MUIRFIELD GROUNDS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

March 26, 2007

Members in attendance: John Catrabone, Chris Curry, Diana Evans, Ken Ferrar, Cynthia Reed, Michael Russell, and Walter Zeier.

Meeting was called to order by: Chris Curry, Chairman.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: **October 30th, 2006** approved and accepted 1st by Michael, 2nd by Ken, (Note: October is the Last Previous Meeting Minutes. No meetings for November, December, January and February, 2006)

OLD BUSINESS

Grounds Projects:

Muirfield Drive Median Maintenance: General clean-up and maintenance has been going on for some time now, along with removal of the old deformed trees, particularly down the center median strip on Muirfield Drive and along both sides in the common ground areas.

Muirfield Drive Median and Perimeters on Common Grounds Landscape Project: Walter explained in great detail the extensive new landscape plan drawn up by John Reiner, at Oakland Nursery. He explained what the original intent of the landscape plan for our village had been from the beginning, and how John had worked to bring that back; such as, the original intent in the plans for no homes to be visible from our main roadway on Muirfield Drive. Walter stated that he and John personally went out and marked, and staked, where each new tree, bush, and all the new perennial plants should be installed. Walter also stated that he and staff plan on having all completed in the next few weeks along Muirfield Drive. This should give it a few weeks growth before the Memorial Tournament. Walter added that they have planted a variety of Blue Spruce and Norway Spruce Trees; Several Red Maple and Aristocratic Pears, along with a few Hemlock Trees. In addition there will be a few areas, in the center median that will have additional color added with the new "S" shaped perennial flower beds. These clusters of color are being added throughout the length of Muirfield Drive between Brand Road and Glick Road, and shall include, the Sundown Coneflower in bright reds; Black-eyed Susans in bright yellows; Catmint in lavenders; 5-7' Forsythia's; Knockout Roses in bright reds; Lythrum-Mordens Gleam in bright pinks; Knockout Roses in bright Pink; Russian Sage in lavenders; Salvia East Friesland in deep dark reds; and Viburnum 4'-6' in bright whites. All of the above is currently being planted or will be planted this spring to add more color to our neighborhood.

Survey Project: Chris stated that he'd personally gone over the comments on the past surveys we'd sent out, and stated he really didn't notice anything jumping out at him to be done, that we haven't already done.

Cynthia added that she'd gone over our past survey notes in the minutes, and had noticed that we'd already accomplished most of the residents past requests also, such as updated playgrounds, new water features for our pools, along with an increase in pool umbrellas and general maintenance and painting of our pool furniture. The only other comments she'd noticed were for more color throughout our village, which we are currently working on this spring.

John asked if we'd considered updating our website so that we could receive resident comments?

Walter responded that our website currently does have a section where resident comments may be sent in to our office. Walter also added that our association board members have been revising our website to incorporate a whole new design with more links to other clubs and organizations within our village, and should soon be put online very soon.

Ken added that perhaps it was too soon to take another survey at this time, perhaps we should wait a while, at least until after this summer, when all the new landscaping has been installed, and then put out an all new survey.

All in attendance agreed that perhaps we should delay creating another new survey, at least until next spring.

Facilities: Pools & Tennis Courts:

Pool Manager & Staff: Walter stated our Pool Manager, Debbie Abbitt will be returning for another season this year. He added that she also would be retiring from her full time job this year, so we should be able to have her a bit sooner and longer this season. Walter added that staff application letters have all been sent out, and we are just waiting for responses.

Pool New Amenities: Funding for our suggested new water features, such as the new water slide at our Glick Pool, and a new water spray at our HRC Pool, have been approved by our board. Walter stated that we are just waiting for guideline requirements from the City of Dublin before proceeding. He added that once we get approval, he and staff could have the projects completed within 2-3 weeks. Walter stated that we are however, running very close on time with our self imposed deadline for installation to be completed before the opening of our two pools for this season.

Tennis: Walter stated that we have not confirmed our tennis program contract as yet, with The Racquet Club of Columbus. He doesn't anticipate a problem however, and suspects we shall have a contract in hand shortly.

NEW BUSINESS

Grounds Projects:

Estates Entryway: Walter showed us an extensive new landscape plan voted on by residents of the estates, designed by the Cedar Brook Landscape Design Team. Again, many old overgrown trees and bushes were removed at this Carnoustie Entryway into the estates, in an effort to create a whole new updated plan, adding a lot more color. He added that this plan shall be installed and have a few weeks growth on it before the Memorial Tournament this year also.

Street Sign Posts Project:

New or Revised Sign Posts?: Chris brought up the on going discussion regarding updating our Street Sign Post Design. He suggested that we use basically the same design, to keep our rural design character originally patterned after Sea Pines at Hilton Head to appease the residents who like our current design's character, but suggested that we embellish it. Another words use 2" x 8" plank boards over all sides of our current 6" x 6" thick posts, creating the illusion of 8" x 8" thick posts, making them slightly larger, using the new white color paint for lettering, with the glass beading for night visibility. He feels this new embellished style of the same version should also appease those who keep requesting a change in our design for better visibility.

After a bit of discussion, Walter suggested that before our next meeting, that he would do the sign post at the entrance to our meeting facilities as a sample for us all to view beforehand to make a decision, and vote on at our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - RESIDENTS COMMENTS

- Michael commented that he was pleased with our new Pocket Pathway Map that all residents had received with our last quarterly newsletter this year.

All agreed, they were very nicely designed and handy to carry, and thanked Michael for suggesting them.

NEXT MEETING *-April 30th, 2007,*** @ 6:00 PM**
Meeting Adjourned -Respectively submitted, Cynthia Reed.