

MUIRFIELD GROUNDS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
January 28th, 2008

Members in attendance: Chris Curry, Pam Ellinger, Jamie Judge, Gary Longstreth, Cynthia Reed, Michael Russell, and Walter Zeier.

Meeting was called to order by: Chris Curry

Minutes of Previous Meeting: **September 24th, 2007** approved & accepted 1st by Michael, 2nd by Pam. - (Note: Not enough members in attendance for a quorum to approve previous September meeting minutes, or take formal minutes for **October 29th.**) – No meetings in November or December.

OLD BUSINESS

Grounds Projects:

Long Range Planning: *Community 10-Year Outlook:* Walter stated that our Board of Trustees *Long Range Planning Committee*, consisting of members, Warren Fishman, Steve Miller, Matt Stavroff and Scott Streator along with himself, Walter Zeier. Is requesting volunteer(s) from our Grounds and Facilities Committee to join their efforts.

John (Catrabone) had volunteered to be on this committee as a Grounds and Facilities liaison in an earlier meeting.

Michael (Russell) volunteered at this meeting, to also be on this committee along with John as representatives from our Grounds and Facilities Committee.

The Grounds and Facilities Committee members in attendance, agreed that this would be very helpful.

Survey Target: Walter requested committee members to share their ideas, or items, to be included in our next survey gathered from surrounding residents.

Pam shared a list of concerns that had been presented to her by residents, that she had submitted to Walter at an earlier date, as did some others.

Committee members were disappointed that the ball had been dropped, and nothing was prepared to date to move forward with the survey original intent; that being the best time to send out this survey would have been in our January Newsletter. This would have allowed responses to come in, and be formulated, before our next annual meeting in April, 2008.

Facilities: Pools & Tennis Courts:

Glick Pool: Walter stated that the new “Water Slide” is in the process of getting final approval from the City of Dublin. He added that the original architectural design plans needed to be reworked to assure safety, to concur with new safety standards before installation. Walter stated that he expects it shall be installed and ready to slide for this Spring 2008 pool opening.

HRC Pool: Walter also stated that our new “Water Spray” is ready to spray! He added that it too shall be up and running for this Spring 2008 pool opening.

Tennis: Walter stated that he is currently reviewing our contract with the Swim and Racquet Club now that it is up for renewal once again. He added that he had decided to also take in new bids and interview other possible tennis program agreements before deciding to automatically renew. He also added that he is currently waiting for one formal proposal package to be submitted this week, which sounds very promising.

NEW BUSINESS

Grounds Projects:

Pathway Track & Exercise Points: Walter inquired if anyone had any suggestions as to where we might consider adding specially marked “Track and Exercise” points. These point areas would be added in our common ground areas throughout our pathway system, to stop and exercise throughout resident’s running regimens.

Jamie made a few suggestions for common ground areas, and added that it would be nice to be able to have water fountains throughout our pathway systems as well, for hydration and safety while running.

Michael suggested that this would be a great “survey question”.

Facilities: Pools & Tennis Courts:

Updated Pool Concessions: Walter inquired if anyone had any suggestions for healthier food selections in our pool concession stands. It was suggested that we *not* select highly perishable items, such as salads.

Suggestions were made such as, whole-wheat pretzels, or fruit smoothies or all fruit popsicles, protein bars, and healthier choices to drink, such as Snapples, etc.

Glick Pool: Restroom Upgrade: Walter stated the updates to our restroom facility has begun and fiberboard has been installed inside our restroom facility. He added staff is currently priming it, preparing it for paint on upper third, and new tile on lower two-thirds, (or tiled about five-feet up the wall). He added that staff is also installing tile on the floor area, to help brighten and clean up the inside area. The ceiling is to be painted also to brighten the area.

New Golf Chip-a-way Area by HRC: Walter brought in plans for the new golf area, by our HRC pool and tennis court areas, with just one green, about 100-130 yards, and a few mounds to help teach our little ones about golf. Along with these improvements will be an additional row of spruce trees as a barrier to existing homes. He shared with the committee the various types of synthetic grass samples suggested for different areas.

Cynthia asked if we had decided on a name for this area, and if not, suggested that this may be an opportunity to involve our young residents in the village, by taking suggestions on what they would like to name it? Or perhaps, turn it into a contest, with the winner's photo to be in our next newsletter, etc.?

RESIDENTS COMMENTS

- Michael stated a resident had inquired about possibly adding our own softball area in our village.
- Chris suggested that we reconsider our wooden signage, in updates in our common areas and our outer perimeter areas, particularly at our Glick and Dublin Road corner around the electrical boxes. He would like to see them replaced with stone in some way for a newer look.

Walter stated, that this might be something to consider for the future.

Then added the Association Board of Trustees is currently considering some additional signage, adding Memorial Tournament plaques on our stone pillars at our main entrance at Brand and Muirfield Drive.

- Cynthia complimented Walter and staff on our outstanding holiday light display and extra greenery throughout our village this year.
- Cynthia also suggested that we somehow tactfully approach the resident on Glassford Court South regarding her continual new additions of plastic flowers and ornaments in her front and back yard, due to surrounding resident comments around her court.
- Cynthia also pointed out that the pathway knee-high sign at Dublin Road and Muirfield Place (leading into Birgham) was missing. Then added that the post remained, however the top sign part was missing.
- Gary suggested that we approach a resident on Aryshire near Muirkirk, regarding her dog fence flags that have been up for a very long time.

NEXT MEETING *February 25th, 2008,***@ 6:00 PM**
Meeting Adjourned - Respectively submitted, Cynthia Reed.