

**MUIRFIELD GROUNDS & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Members in attendance:** John Catrabone, Chris Curry, Gary Longstreth, Cynthia Reed, Doug Smith, and Walter Zeier.

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

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 were approved & accepted 1<sup>st</sup> by Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John.

**Welcome to 2008 Newly Elected Committee Member:** Doug Smith, and congratulations to those re-elected for another term, John Catrabone and Chris Curry.

**New 2008 Elected Officers:** John Catrabone, Chairman. 1<sup>st</sup> by Chris and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary.

Gary Longstreth, Vice Chairman. 1<sup>st</sup> by Chris and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John.

Cynthia Reed, Secretary. 1<sup>st</sup> by Gary and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Grounds Projects:**

**New Tree Installation:** Walter stated that fifty (50) Spruce, and twenty-eight (28) deciduous trees in a variety have been ordered, and staff are in the process of planting them in our common grounds throughout our village this year.

**Edging, Mulching and Mowing:** Walter stated that staff is busy catching up this year getting our common grounds and entrances in shape. This includes adding drains to some of our Muirfield Drive median flowerbeds, once the snow finally all melted, for our plant material to thrive this year. He added, that some staff has volunteered to work on Saturdays in order to get all of this and our general maintenance ready for the Memorial Tournament. After the Memorial, of course the staff will continue to mow, and remain watchful of areas that need to be trimmed, particularly on our pathways.

Walter also added that we've switched companies we purchase our mulch from this year to John Deer Landscaping Supply that is a hardwood shredded mulch at a much better price.

Doug inquired about the mulch being pretreated for ants.

Walter stated, that he didn't really know off hand, but it is supposed to be comparable to our other mulch, and stated that he would check on it.

**Pathway Updates:** Doug also inquired about our pathways being particularly dangerous where years of re-paving have created some very deep edges. He suggested that we use more gravel along the edges, making a better transition along the edge so that residents don't slide off, creating personal injuries.

Walter stated that it is difficult to use gravel in most places, particularly where pathways are up against resident's property.

Cynthia inquired about our previous paving practices, stating that she thought that last year we increased our budget to allow for some parts of our pathways to be completely ripped out and all new blacktop installed.

Walter stated that was only for better transition from our streets onto our pathways.

Cynthia stated that since we allow a budget for so many miles of pathways to be re-paved each year, perhaps with our new increase last year, we could also institute a plan for so many miles of all completely new pathways each year. Then added, particularly where the oldest thirty-year-old pathways have created such a dangerously high edge.

Walter agreed, that in some of our older pathway areas, this is a problem.

**Facilities: Pools & Tennis Courts:**

**Glick Pool: Restrooms:** Walter stated the restroom updates such as the painting, tile on the walls two-thirds up, and on the whole floor are all completed and ready for 2008 Opening.

**Glick Pool: Water Slide:** Walter stated the new "Water Slide" is to be delivered this Thursday and placed on top of the already poured concrete deck, within three-to-four days after delivery. Then added, all is on schedule for our 2008 Spring Opening also.

**HRC Pool: Water Spray:** Walter also stated that our new "Water Spray" would be ready to spray for this Spring 2008 Opening too. Adding that we are just waiting for the rubberized/plasticized type doors to be delivered for installation.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Grounds Projects:

**Tarton Circle Entryway & Davington Drive Entryway:** Walter stated that in an attempt to improve a few new entranceways each year with better landscaping, that Tarton Circle is on our to-do list for improvements this year. Walter stated that also the north corner of Davington and Glick are on our to-do list for entranceway improvements this year too.

**Pathway Extension to Ashbaugh Raod:** Walter shared with us that our Muirfield Association Members of the Board have voted to extend our pathway over toward Brand Road, in order to help the residents in that area, avoid other residents constantly cutting through their property.

**Entranceway Irrigation Projects:** Walter stated that this year we will be working on repairing the Memorial and Dublin Road irrigation leak, that will be 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 staff are, Caithness Drive, Castle Bay Drive, and Finlarig Drive.

### RESIDENTS COMMENTS

- Gary inquired about the status of our new stone sign plaques to be installed on each end of our stone pillars at Muirfield Drive and Brand Road.

Walter showed us the version of the Memorial Tournament logo that was submitted to us, adding that it was a bit too green and colorful for our taste. He stated that we'd hoped they (The Muirfield Village Golf Club) would submit their black color version logo to match our existing engraving on our sign.

- Chris inquired about our progress on designs for our new signage replacing our existing few wooden signs.

Walter reiterated that he'd met with a few stonemasons a few weeks ago in order to construct the new stone signs to replace the few wooden signs remaining, one at Glick and Dublin Road, and one at Memorial and Muirfield Drive. We're just waiting for their design suggestions.

- Cynthia inquired about the new artificial turf being installed in our Chip-A-Way Golf putting area, and if we are aware of any possible lead contents in the grass. She added that in the news these past few weeks, there have been news releases about some playgrounds with artificial turf being removed, because of the blades of grass shredding from wear, leaving little lead pellet residue down in the turf, being tracked into our homes, etc. causing a higher than allowed lead content in some homes.

Walter stated that he was not aware of any controversy, but promised he would check out the lead content of our new turf.

- John inquired about the status of any new food choices in our concession stands for this new pool season.

Much discussion went on regarding this matter, including the possibility of having The Country Club perhaps taking over completely our concessions, perhaps serving a full lunch menu? (As suggested by Chris. Not for this 2008 Pool Season, but perhaps something to consider for maybe next year.)

**NEXT MEETING \*\*\*June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008,\*\*\*@ 6:00 PM**

NOTE: No **May** meeting due to the Memorial Tournament this month.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 7:45PM**

Respectively submitted, Cynthia Reed.