

June 6, 2016

Landscape Committee Report

The Landscape Committee has two new Prospective members we would like the Board to approve; Keith Rasmussen and Larry Plum. Jim Hall has resigned from the committee.

Several areas of concern were noted by the Committee members in their monthly observation reports;

- Several areas of park strips need more water in front of single family homes. We need to send a reminder to Phase 1 owners who control their own irrigation timers to get them turned on and to monitor during dry spells. We need to have NLS verify that all park strip timers are turned on and operating correctly.
- The swale east of Page St. needs weeding and spraying. Also Track K needs weed wacking and spraying.
- Three dead trees along 45th needs to be removed (and replaced). We will coordinate with the Tree committee.
- Donut holes still have not been cut in some areas. Many have been identified for NLS. We will follow up with Kurt if they are not finished this week and may recommend withholding additional funds.
- Weeds along Country Club and the North end of Country Club and Stoneybrook Street continue to be a problem and many other areas. Consistent weeding as prescribed in the specifications needs to be followed.
- Pruning has not been done according to the Pruning Schedule provided by NLS. Cotoneaster should have been pruned in April—was not done. We will be working with Kurt to have NLS to do the pruning of Cotoneaster in all common area locations. Mugo pines should have been pruned in May—was not done. We will be working with Kurt to have this corrected.
- Irrigation systems have been turned on, but spray patterns have not been adjusted.
- Horsetail ferns are reemerging along 45th where NLS weed wacked instead of spraying and hand weeding.
- Soil is settling next to brick retaining walls making mowing irregular. We need to explore filling in these areas and reseeding to raise the level of soil.

The committee met with the Regional Manager and area supervisor and noted several areas of concern. We also reviewed the contract specifications with them. Since withholding partial funding last month NLS has sent additional crews to address some of the concerns noted. We are closely monitoring their efforts.

The Pine trees have been removed from the demonstration plot. Shrubs were removed June 7th. We expect a design plan for replacement trees and shrubs by the end of the month.

The Committee approved a bid for \$1320 to remove several shrubs along Country Club. Unfortunately drip irrigation lines have been damaged in the process. The committee will repair as necessary in an effort to maintain irrigation until the drip lines can be replaced.

The only response for the replacement of the drip irrigation system came from B. Johnson Turf in the amount of \$44,752. The committee is recommending to the Board that this project be funded out of reserve funds.