

Landscape Committee Meeting, August 4, 2015

Attendees: Logan Norris, Gary Jolliff, Diane Marthaler, Lyn Martin, Dick Miller and Steve Napack.

Recent guests visiting told how beautiful Stoneybrook homes and landscaping is. We agreed that we are lucky to be able to live here.

Committee members become impatient when landscape problems reported to the community manager and landscape contractor are not corrected. A report will be sent to the Board stating our displeasure.

The Contract Reporting Form initiated at the last meeting was to work as an efficient method to communicate with the community manager and the landscape contractor. Lately it has failed to reach our expectations.

Thatching and reseeding was performed by NLS late this spring. Many homes were never done. The timing of the operation was poorly scheduled as it was the beginning of the dry season and water was not available for seed germination. Funds from last year's contractor, True Green, were withheld and are available for rethatching and reseeding this fall or next spring.

The committee must meet with Kurt and NLS before the timing of this work is decided upon, preferably before the Landscape Committee's (LC) September meeting. This issue needs discussion and clarification. Board approval may be needed.

The committee will request a walk through with Kurt and NLS, and other LC members if they wish. The date set is for Wednesday, August 12th at 8:30a.m.

Irrigation lines need replacing on 49th, Country Club Dr. and Stoneybrook St. The original lines have clogged emitters and have been pinched by tree roots. For installing new lines the committee approved getting quotations from irrigation specialists. These will be presented to the Board for consideration.

At the last Board meeting a decision was made to cut the cotoneasters to the ground. The Board was not sure if it is a part of the NLS contract. Follow-up is needed at the next Board meeting, August 13th.

The committee needs to develop a conceptual plan for the overall village landscape that could be done in small pieces. These would be designed to fit into the larger future plan.

The landscape contract with NLS for the year 2014-15 was considered to be a learning year for the new, to us, company. NLS essentially have the contract for the following year, 2015-16. The committee needs to go through the current contract specifications and make the appropriate changes.

The Board will need to instruct Kurt to ask NLS to evaluate the current contract specifications, put them in writing and send them to our committee.

The next LC meeting, 9/1/15, will be devoted only to the landscape contract.

Tree survey is expected to be delivered at the next Board meeting, 8/11/15.

Richard Miller,
Landscape Committee Chairman