

POND REPORT APRIL 2018

1. Walk around with Tony Livermore, Supervisor, GAIA Landscapes, Inc.

Monday, April 9, 2018, Tony and I walked our ponds and surrounding landscaping for which they are responsible under contract. We reviewed all aspects of the contract and observed the following:

- SVOA Ponds.
 - GAIA has completed dredging the south pond.



4-3-2018 Preparation

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4-4-2018 Dredging

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4-5-2018 Dredging



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4-6-2018 Complete;

Lilies which had grown into one large mass with large roots were removed and transported to the dump. Note, this removal prevents the potential damage to fountains and pumps if lilies had become entangled into this equipment.

- GAIA will install the fountain in the north and south ponds the week of April 16, 2018.
- During dredging the south pond, a long unused pipe became dislodged and is now floating on top. GAIA will remove that pipe that has no purpose for the pond.
- GAIA measured the sediment and will provide these data in writing to Kurt with copy to Pond Chair for retention regarding our ponds.
- Notwithstanding the publication of the dredging to all SVOA, a few people tried to walk under the dredging vehicle. GAIA crew quickly moved to stop them for safety. For the north pond GAIA will block off the sidewalk.
- A nutria was spotted in the rocks during the dredging. I requested GAIA to let me know if they spot it again so that it can be removed by an exterminator.



- GAIA will be planting 3 to 4 dwarf lilies in the south pond and 2 in the north pond in April (location will be similar to the location of the removed lilies). GAIA plans on placing the lilies in containers so they can be relocated later if required.
- SVOA Landscaping around ponds. Performed bi-weekly.
 1. Lawn Service – edging and weeding
 2. Shrubs & Beds Service – weeds are under control; shrubs pruned.
 3. GAIA will be applying bridge granular fertilizer (organic and synthetic) in the spring and fall.
- Irrigation.

Prior to completing the north pond improvement project in 2018, GAIA will need to know when NLS will turn on the backflow. Kurt has provided the location of the controller and zone to test the irrigation to ensure sufficient irrigation is available and stated he will notify GAIA when NLS has turned on the backflow. GAIA awaits notification of when NLS has turned on the backflow to complete the north pond planting.

II. The Board approved at its September 2017 meeting GAIA's Proposal #411 for \$1,053.50 to remove the diseased and dying (7) *Taxus x media Densiformis* (Yews) on the north pond island that surround the Evergreen Magnolia, install replacement soil, and plant species similar to those currently installed around beds of the pond, such as *Juncus*, *Cornus*, *Carex*, *Gunnera*, *Wapato*, *Lobelia*. The Board determined that this project would be funded through the account established for SVOA-wide landscaping. GAIA has begun the project with the removal of the dying Yews. GAIA will be fertilizing the Magnolia and completing this project in April 2018.



- III. We discussed various improvement along the center area of the ponds including the berm. GAIA will be developing a plan for improvements for 2018 which the Committee looks forward to reviewing. In addition, GAIA will be developing an over-all plan to address the location beginning from the edge of the turf around the plantings in the south pond to the property line of 4721 H, including replacing some of the ground cover with turf.