

POND REPORT AUGUST 2018

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

Tuesday July 31, 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:

- Board Action Requested: Board approve Tony's proposal to increase its contract by several labor days to address the significant accumulation of red mosquito fern and green clover in the north pond. As mentioned in previous reports, the difference between the 2 ponds' water clarity/condition underscores the south pond dredging results which cleared to the bottom of the south pond. As previously noted, 5 years ago for budgetary reasons GAIA was limited in the depth of its dredge for both ponds. One can see the results this year after fully dredging the south pond. The north ponds' significant increase in "muck" made worse by the extreme heat therefore requires more attention than GAIA's contract addresses. This significant increase in "muck" threatens the north pond fountain which has now been reinstalled.
 - SVOA Ponds.
 - GAIA has been hand-watering to supplement NLS's increase in irrigation for the north pond new plantings. Tony believes the new plantings will recover from the distress due to being new plantings and the lack of water. GAIA has installed an additional irrigation nozzle to assist in watering for these plants.
 - Tony evaluated the 3 dwarf lilies in the south pond and 2 in the north pond and replanted them in new soil and fertilizer. One lily in the south pond came out of its pot; GAIA will replant.
 - GAIA removed the cattails that had migrated to the north pond mound and other locations.
 - Tony and team are reviewing the options to replace the north pond fountain. As soon as they have completed their results, Tony will send his recommendation to Kurt for replacement.
 - GAIA will continue visually to inspect for mosquitoes. So far none have been cited.
 - GAIA removed the apparent "stepping stone" path to the north pond mound. Given the low water table, however, walking from the grass to the mound is one large step; accordingly, we decided to keep the No Trespassing sign in place for now.
 - SVOA Landscaping around ponds. Performed bi-weekly.
 - Lawn Service – edging and weeding GAIA is spraying with post emergent to control the crabgrass.
 - Shrubs & Beds Service – weeds are under control; shrubs pruned.
 - GAIA will be applying bridge granular fertilizer (organic and synthetic) in the spring and fall.
- II. We discussed various improvements along the center area of the ponds including the berm. GAIA will be developing a plan for improvements for 2018 which we anticipate receiving in several months and which the Committee looks forward to reviewing.
- III. Signage on pond. We look forward to receiving Kurt's suggested revision of the Private Property sign.