

## Land Stewardship Committee

Minutes of April 3, 2013

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:15 pm at the home of Suzy Buenger (315 GTC) after a walk-around of the HW property had been conducted. Present were: Hayden McCann (presiding), John Schimmelman, Mark Silberman, Mike Burton (guest and note taker), and Suzy Buenger.

Also present during the walk-around of the property were John Rothschild and Cappy Hanrahan. The group made note primarily of tree and limb damage that occurred during the winter. Hayden took note of approximately 25 items for follow-up with the City, with MG&E, or with our contractor, Mike Rourke, dependent on the location of the item. Mike Rourke will be asked if certain large trees fallen at an angle can be cut up so that they at least lay on the ground to rot.

Also noted during the walk-around was an oil stain on the pavement near 122 GTR which resulted from a breakdown of the skid loader during snow removal. A note will be sent to Dylan (Prima Management) regarding cleanup.

The LSC expects Mike Rourke to speak at the next LSC Education Forum on Thursday, April 25, at 315 GTC.

Mike Rourke has been asked to provide an updated tree inventory. Mark Silberman suggested that he be asked to place a red star on the tree inventory map to highlight the ash trees. The LSC is concerned about getting treatment of the ash trees planned and started. Mike will also be asked for his overall thoughts on how we should think about the winter damage to the trees.

The suggestion was made to ask Dylan not to start their spring cleanup effort until after April 20th when the volunteers will make an effort to clean up broken branches and other debris and collect it at various easily accessible locations around the property.

Hayden has a bid from Good Oak for stump removal in the hollow area at the GHR entrance that would be \$80 in total if we allow Good Oak to schedule the removal and disposal on their time line when they are in the area for other jobs. If we want to set our own schedule, the price will be about \$105. The LSC agreed that we could probably allow Good Oak to set the schedule and take advantage of the lower cost. Another bid has been requested from Mike Roark.

For the watering season of 2013, last year's volunteers have agreed to repeat. But, Hayden is still trying to contact two (2) additional units whose help is needed this year.

The Glen Hollow Road slope erosion problem was addressed. John Schimmelman has plans to speak to the two bidders for this work about what they have proposed and getting a better understanding of their proposals. The subcommittee to the LSC for GHR Slope Remediation will be asked to participate with the idea that the bidders would present to that group of people.

Mark Silberman plans to contact Dylan regarding the community's roads and any drainage problems which may be occurring or starting.

Mulch purchase by owners who wish to mulch close to their units will hopefully be possible as part of the spring cleanup. Last year, the timing did not allow for this.

The HW Board's position on activities of the LSC and work-day volunteers regarding removal/remediation of invasive species is not clear to the LSC. As mentioned in last month's minutes, the HW Board, and most specifically, Bill Olson, have proposed that removal/remediation should be handled in a rather strict manner involving budgeting and advance planning and approval. This seems to be counter to previous years when the HW Board has been more proactive toward removal of invasive species. The LSC will continue to discuss with the HW Board.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.