

Landscape Stewardship Committee Meeting  
Minutes of July 10, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm at the McCann residence (312 GTC). Present were: Hayden McCann (presiding), Pat Gillette, Pat White, and Marc Silberman (note taker).

Minutes of the June 5 meeting were unanimously approved.

Hayden reviewed topics discussed at the HWCA Board meeting the previous evening that related to LSC interests:

- 1) the winter snow damage list was prioritized. The rest of the 3-trunked tree endangering the Kordahl residence on GTR will be removed as priority #1. The others will get attention as funding allows.
- 2) The Old Middleton Slope erosion control planning needs to be updated. Ganshert has revised its bid, adding a swale and rock wall at the far east end of the slope to deal with the gutter spout run-off from the Highland Abbey. There are now also 3 bids for rain gutter installation on the residences draining roof run-off to the slope. Hayden will revise the narrative she prepared for the Board; the OMS subcommittee will meet and make a proposal for the LSC for its August 14 meeting; and the LSC will make a recommendation to the Board for its late August meeting.
- 3) invoices for work completed by Roarke (arborist) and Good Oak (landscaping) had not been paid per those contractors, but Rob Schmidt (Prima) stated he believed the matter is resolved.
- 4) Frank Hassler (Good Oak) said that he could replace about half of the anenomes along the street apron side of the hollow that did not survive the severe winter.
- 5) The outstanding grass damage from winter snow removal and salting that involves reseeding should be done in the fall (ca. mid-September), but only after weeds have been removed where they have taken over (e.g., island at the GTC cul-de-sac).

The weather hasn't been conducive to the volunteer weeders, but we need to encourage them to find opportunities to clean up weeds (especially at the two entrances, GHR and GTR). Hayden will be planting a hydrangea along the rock wall behind 302 GTC that was recently cleaned out but needs to find a volunteer to water the new plant about once a week.

Hayden will be contacting Frank Hassler to prepare a "preferred planting list" with vendors for the 5-foot perimeter area around residences. Once available, it will be posted on the HWCA website.

Owner-funded projects were listed for future reference (may need to be augmented as others come to the Committee's attention):

- Joan Phillips (309 GTC; 3 arbor vitae planted); Pat Gillette (206 GHR; high quality honeysuckle planted); Kristi/Maureen (314 GTC; numerous trees/shrubs planted overlooking GTR); Fran Breit/Julie D'Acci (202 GHR; extensive buckthorn removal and planting behind residence); Joyce Rose (319 GTC, additional buckthorn removal and plantings behind residence); John & Rachel Rothschild (204 GHR; extensive buckthorn

removal behind residence in preparation for future plantings); McCann/Hanrahan (310-312 GTC; erosion control between houses)

Milani / Herrick have requested that a dead tree and a buckthorn be removed near their residence at 301 GTC. The LSC supports this request. Hayden will do a site visit to evaluate whether volunteers can remove the trees and, since there is no funding for tree planting this year, she will offer a seedling (a catalpa or maple). Or if preferred, the owners may purchase their own seedling. LSC volunteers would be happy to help plant the tree in the fall.

The HWCA Board approved the funding to have Mike Roarke update the ash tree inventory.

LSC volunteer work dates were set as follows:

Sunday, July 21, 9 – 11 am (rain date July 28)

Saturday, October 5, 9 – 11 am (rain date October 12)

Saturday, October 19, 9 – 11 am (rain date October 26)

Mark your calendars!

The Association picnic is being planned for August by Kristi, Maureen, and Joyce at the GTC cul-de-sac.

The newsletter is being edited by Kristi for distribution this summer.

Plans for a fall educational forum are underway, probably in late September or early October: first choice is Jane Kuzma, principal of Burr Oak (and who can provide an update on our Burr Oak design template); other possibilities include “Wisconsin gardener” Shelly Ryan, or our alderperson Mark Clear.

The next LSC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14 at the residence of Pat Gillette (206 GHR).

Meeting adjourned about 8:15 pm.