

Landscape Stewardship Committee Meeting
Minutes of June 5, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm at the McCann residence (312 GTC). Present were: Hayden McCann (presiding), Pat Gillette, Cathy Kennedy, John Schimmelman, Pat White, Cappy Hanrahan, Marc Silberman (note taker), and Kristi Reitz.

Hayden reviewed the tasks and membership of the LSC. The question was raised whether the LSC has a “position” on using chemical spraying on the property, and the consensus was confirmed that “responsible spraying” is a reasonable way to boost the impact of our limited resources (volunteer labor, owner-funded remediation).

Minutes of the May 1 were unanimously approved.

Volunteer summertime “waterers” have been secured for three of the four needed remediation sites. Hayden will try to contact the residents at 302 GTC and 123 GTR, adjacent to the remaining site that needs regular watering during the summer to protect the plantings.

Hayden and John reviewed the Old Middleton Slope erosion remediation bids from Good Oak and Ganshert, including the recommended water diversion from residents’ roof downspouts away from the slope toward GHR (John is seeking bids from 3 companies). The remediation will be costly but necessary, considering potential fines from the city for sand/dirt seeping onto OMR and the potential of structural damage to homes as the slope erosion accelerates. Remediation can probably be undertaken only in phases, as funding is made available in the Association’s budget over several years. The LSC’s goal is to make a proposal by early September so that it can be considered as the Board begins its 2014 budget discussion, with a final vote at the annual HWCA owners meeting.

Hayden will obtain from our property manager (Good Oak) a list of preferred native plants (low, medium, high) and suppliers from which residents may choose for the five-foot home perimeter area; plants on this list would help residents identify desirable native and woodland plantings for our soil and sun/shade conditions. Prior approval is unnecessary, since planting is within the five-foot perimeter.

There remains about \$4000 of damage from the winter snow storms that needs attention. Bids for replanting grass etc. have come in somewhat lower than expected. We are also still waiting for Bruce Company to remediate the salt damage it caused on the GTC cul-de-sac in winter 2011-12, now more than a year overdue!

A call will be distributed for volunteers to help with specific area maintenance (light weeding and clean-up) during the summer. This LSC project was quite successful last summer. Areas that need regular attention and initial volunteers include:

- 1) entrance Glen Thistle Road: John Schimmelman
- 2) entrance Glen Hollow Road: Pat Gillette
- 3) island Glen Thistle Ct: Cathy Kennedy, Pat White
- 4) cul-de-sac Glen Thistle Ct.: Marc Silberman, Hayden McCann

- 5) rockwall curve at top of Glen Thistle Road: Cappy Hanrahan
- 6) perimeter Glen Thistle Road: Kristi Reitz

Hayden McCann was nominated and unanimously confirmed as LSC Committee Chairperson for the next term (beginning the fourth year of LSC activity under her leadership).

Mulch ordered by individual residents will be delivered on Thursday, June 6.

Other business:

- brief discussion of Cappy Hanrahan's plans for buckthorn remediation (310 GTC).
- "emergency" volunteer workday on Sat., June 7, 9-11 am, to work on buckthorn "militants" at the GHR rockwall and garlic mustard going to seed on the Old Middleton Slope.

Meeting adjourned about 9 pm.