

Landscape Stewardship Committee Meeting
Minutes of April 3, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm at the Kennedy residence (226 GHR). Present were: Hayden McCann (presiding), Pat Gillette, Pat White, Cathy Kennedy, Bonnie Broderick, Marc Silberman (note taker), and Dylan Duhr (Prima Management).

[Prior to the meeting an LSC subcommittee toured the property with Dylan for the spring “walk-through” – no serious problems were identified.]

Minutes of the March 5, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

Resident issues:

- Brief discussion of the “trimmed” trees along the railroad right-of-way. District alderman and others have been contacted by Prima, and there is hope that something will be done.
- Several trees seem to have been removed between 210-212 GHR; Dylan will investigate about the need for permission and plans to replant.
- 2 evergreens will be removed and some hedge plants added at 219 GHR per request.

Dylan reported on the common area issues:

- Alpine’s contract has been renewed for lawn care;
- Good Oak has been issued a contract for pruning common area plantings, 2-3 times a year depending on how the annual financing plays out);
- Good Oak will take care of spraying the garlic-mustard “carpets” behind the residences at the two sides of the GTR entrance this early spring;
- Tru-Green was contracted to apply organic fertilizer and herbicide
- it was definitively decided that the OMS remediation cannot use aquaboxes because the soil may not be able to absorb the water as planned; the Board will confer with Gansert about the cost for installing a water pipe that drains off water along the crest toward the GHR entrance. The hope/expectation is that the first phase of the project will be completed this spring/early summer.

The volunteer workday was postponed until Saturday, April 19 (9-12 am, meet at GTC cul-de-sac) because the ground is still frozen! If enough people come out, there will be two teams (captains = Marc and Hayden). Rain date is April 26.

The tree inventory ad-hoc committee now consists of Hayden McCann (chair), Bonnie Broderick, Susan Sweeney, and Cathy Kennedy. They are advised to “study” the Madison ash borer plan (posted at the City of Madison website) before meeting to discuss our HWCA strategy:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/parks/services/forestry/pests/eab/>

Hayden is working on the volunteer “waterers” for summer 2014. Marie B. has confirmed her participation at this point. We’ve had no response at all for “common area volunteers” for the summer, so we think we might have put out the call too early (while snow was still on the ground). We’re hoping to scare up some interest for this light volunteer labor when the weather improves.

Hayden is pursuing the \$1000 grant possibility with the city of Madison through ATS (power line transporter co.) to help us plant trees (pagoda dogwoods and hemlock) along the OMS crest. The window for applying is June-Sept.

An ad-hoc walk-through updated the list of damage from last year's winter storm damage and submitted it to the HWCA Board, which approved the outstanding projects. Good Oak and Mike Rourke will be retained to complete the work; any leftover funds from the original budget will be used to cover the garlic mustard spraying this spring.

An ad-hoc "green projects 2014/15" committee will be established to define the next stewardship projects on the property: Hayden and Pat. G. will contact several other potential members, including Cappy Hanrahan, Joan Phillips, and Kristi Reitz; other residents are encouraged to join. Potential projects include the hollow (buckthorn remediation, ground cover, dogwood bushes and hemlocks) and the outer perimeter along GTR.

There are plans to add to the HWCA website a list of vendors residents have used to complete their owner-funded remediation and plantings.

The next LSC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 7 pm, at the Broderick residence (221 GHR).

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.