

Landscape Stewardship Committee Meeting
Minutes of April 8, 2015

Meeting called to order after some potluck and discussions at 7:20 pm at the Buenger residence (315 GTC). Present were: Suzy Buenger (voting member), Marc Silberman (note taker), Pat White (presiding and voting member), Bill Olson (voting member, LSC chair representing the HW Board), Pat Gillette (voting member), Kristi Reitz (voting member), Gudrun Buhnemann, and Cathy Kennedy.

1. Bill read the LSC charter (document from 2010 when LSC was officially established by the HW Board) that defines the LSC as consisting of a chair appointed by the board from among its members to serve for 2 years plus at least 3 additional voting members, but not to exceed 5, who serve one year or longer.
2. Minutes of the March 3, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. The subcommittee for anticipated tree work in 2015 was not yet able to complete its task. Mike Roarke has been contacted about updating the tree inventory and is expected to respond soon, confirming that the removal of all previously storm-damaged as well as dangerously situated trees has been completed or is charted for completion in the near future.
4. A draft statement on "Owner Landscaping Resources and Responsibility" was distributed and discussed. There was consensus about the need of such a one-page explanatory document that distinguishes between the 5-foot perimeter and the common areas in terms of approval and maintenance of the plantings. The LSC would like to consider a different "design" of the document, maybe with bullet points that make it an easier read. This will be discussed again at the May meeting, hopefully with some alternate draft designs!
5. Pat White will be distributing as an email attachment to the LSC members a draft "position statement" on invasive species; it will be discussed at the May meeting.
6. Property manager Dylan Duhr gave a brief update: Alpine will continue as our mower in the coming season; Good Oak will continue seasonal pruning under the supervision of Frank Hassler, our woodlands consultant; our arborist Mike Roarke will be providing an updated tree inventory based on tree removals and trimming over the past year; the emerald ash borer treatment of 71 trees will begin in June.
7. While the results of the walk-through that was completed earlier in the day still must be tallied to come up with a priority list of HW land stewardship projects for confirmation at the May meeting, the following were listed more or less in order of importance:
 - a) emerald ash borer treatment (already budgeted and scheduled for Roarke);
 - b) Old Middleton Slope second phase (second installment due mid-April, plantings scheduled for later in the spring by Ganshert);

- c) completion of the general planting plan Hayden had worked out for the Hollow (see sheet with estimates) once the budgeted and scheduled erosion control measures have been finished;
- d) erosion control project around GTC 117 that would include new plantings (the HW Board is looking into the extent of erosion and will be seeking bids for re-engineering the landscaping to control it);
- e) next round of plantings (including trees) to take place (does the LSC wish to pursue further plantings based on the Burr Oak plan of 2004?);
- f) the LSC needs to identify residents who will water new plantings in summer 2015, especially along the outer edge of GTR (and receive a "water reimbursement").

8. The next work dates are scheduled for April 18, 9-12 noon (rain date is April 25) and May 9. The next LSC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 7 PM at Pat White's residence (311 GTC).

9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.