

Minutes of the May 3rd Land Stewardship Committee meeting

The May meeting of the LSC was held on the 3rd of May at 214 GHR and called to order at 6pm. Committee members in attendance were: Bonnie Broderick, Suzy Buenger, Susan Sweeney and Pat White (Chairperson). Prima Management was represented by Dylan Duehr. Guests in attendance were: Christiaan Hendrickson, Dawn Meyer, Becky Kordahl and Beth Swanson.

Dylan affirmed the 1st stage of re-planting the 117 project will be the end of May, weather permitting. A re-planting proposal by Good Oak was provided to owners in attendance and will be sent to all other affected owners.

A letter sent in early April from the LSC to all owners in the project area encouraged owners to "fill-in" with additional plantings to enhance view and privacy. Good Oak can assist with these efforts and provide expert advice regarding choice and location of additional plantings.

Mulch will be applied to the new plantings and regular watering will be done over the next 2 years to optimize growth.

A swale previously created at 117 GTR and revised by Bassett and Co. as part of the 117 project isn't functioning as expected. Dylan will notify Bassett to have the problem corrected.

On April 11th, the Board of Directors approved the hiring of a Groundskeeper for Highland Woods. Shawn Reinacher is the owner/operator and will start at 15 hrs./week. Owners can contract for individual property work as his commitments allow.

Mike Roark submitted his annual list of recommended tree work for 2017. It was noted that for the first time in his 6 yr. history with Highland Woods, the work was estimated to come in slightly under budget.

The LSC and Prima Management have recommended approval and funding of the tree work.

The 2nd round of Emerald Ash Borer treatment will be done in June. A program for owners to "Adopt A Tree" will be available again this year in hopes of saving a few more of our ash trees. An additional 21 trees were adopted and treated in the last round. Dylan will send more information soon.

A suggestion was made that the policy be re-written concerning owners' 5 ft. area of responsibility. Some consider it vague and confusing. The topic will be on the

agenda of the June LSC meeting and possible recommendations sent to the Board.

Concern was voiced regarding a "no man's land" between Highland Woods and the Abbey. It abuts the Old Middleton Slope and there is worry it poses a threat to the remediated area due to dense buckthorn and considerable garlic mustard growth. The property lines in this area are uncertain. It was suggested the Abbey and/or their groundskeeper be contacted in hopes of a joint work day to remove the invasives. This will be on the agenda for further discussion at the June LSC meeting.

The June LSC meeting will be Wednesday the 7th at 6pm and held at 221 GHR.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.