

Landscape Stewardship Committee Meeting  
Minutes of May 5, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm at the White residence (311 GTC). Present were: Suzy Buenger (voting member), Marc Silberman (note taker), Pat White (presiding and voting member), Bill Olson (voting member, LSC chair), Pat Gillette (voting member), Bonnie Broderick (voting member), Susan Sweeney, and Donna/Patrick O'Brien (117 GTR).

1. Minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted. Pat White was thanked for hosting the party for Hayden and Rob McCann.

2. The LSC Policy Statement on invasive species was discussed, the wording was amended slightly, and it passed unanimously. It will be submitted to the HW Board. If approved, it will be distributed to owners and posted at the HW website. It was noted that the Woodlands Remediation Reserve Fund aims to implement the Bur Oak Plan (removing invasive species).

3. A revised draft of the "Owner Landscaping Resources and Responsibility" document (now in a bullet point format) was passed unanimously. This is a clarification of existing rules and does not introduce or change any policies. The document will be submitted to the HW Board for confirmation and distributed to owners.

4. The erosion issue around 117 GTR was discussed briefly. Bids are currently being solicited for two phases: removal of invasive buckthorn and replanting, and re-engineering to prevent further erosion. Owners at 115 and 117 GTR are interested in replacing / upgrading some of the plantings in front of their residences but will wait until the bidding process is completed in order to use the same contractor (and will then come with a plan for approval by the LSC).

5. Mike Roarke has updated the tree inventory. He will begin the emerald ash borer treatment on the 71 designated trees in early June. He will mark these trees with a blue dot for the first year of treatment; a different color dot will mark them for the second treatment two years hence. NOTE: individual residents are not allowed to undertake this chemical treatment on their own. The ash borer treatments will be an ongoing program over the next years.

6. At its next meeting the LSC will begin to prioritize future remediation projects and their cost in the common area. This will consist of ca. 50 square foot areas that will implement the removal of invasives and plantings according to the Bur Oak Plan in two-year phases.

7. Volunteer waterers for the summer have been identified (302 GTC for the GTR turn; 307 GTC for the rain garden; 202/204 GHR for the hollow; and hopefully 118 GTR for the new perimeter plantings at the top of the hill).

8. The next work date was postponed from May 9 to May 16. The next LSC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 6:30 pm (place TBD).

9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.