

Landscape Stewardship Committee Meeting
Minutes of August 5, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm at the Pat White residence (311 GTC). Present were: Marc Silberman (note taker), Pat White (presiding and voting member + 1 proxy each for Buenger and Gillette), Bill Olson (voting member, board representative), Bonnie Broderick (voting member), and Dylan Duhr (Prima Mgmt).

1. Minutes of the July 1, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved with one correction of the date for the "next meeting" (Aug 6 = Aug 5).

2. Pat confirmed that at the last HW Board Meeting the "Policy Regarding Removal of Invasive Species and Woodland Remediation" was passed, based on the LSC recommendation. It will be posted to the HWCA website and emailed to all HW owners by Prima Management.

3. Bill confirmed that a letter was sent on July 11 to all owners adjacent to the erosion repair / remediation project behind 115/117/119 GTR, explaining the phases and soliciting their comments. The LSC is charged with making a complete plan, including vendors and cost, for removal of invasives, erosion repair, and replanting. Once this plan has been prepared, LSC representatives will meet with affected owners to discuss cost sharing and time frame of the remediation. The complete plan with costs and cost sharing information will be submitted to the Board for its approval and funding decision.

Bids have been received meanwhile for invasives removal and erosion repair.

4. Bonnie reported on the watering situation of the OMS project, including the challenges of getting the correct hoses and sprinklers set up and the need to hand water some of the plantings when inadequate rain falls. She has appreciated Paul Ganshert's input. Because Bonnie will be gone for 3 weeks, Marc will work on setting up teams who will be responsible for checking and activating the water when needed during her absence. Bill confirmed that the final billing by Ganshert will be completed in the near future, and that the Board is satisfied with the project as completed.

[Bill left at ca. 8:30 pm]

5. Dylan reported on the bidding process for the 115/117/119 GTR project and will be contacting our woodlands manager and arborist to advise on the replanting design using the Bur Oak template. He will also pursue plans for completing work on the Hollow and the possibility of removing the buckthorn hedge on OMR along the sidewalk adjacent to 102/104 GTR. We also discussed briefly the property line between Highland Abbey and Highland Woods and the possibility of meeting with neighbors there about the infestation of invasives on their side of the property line.

6. The LSC tabled once again to the next meeting the agenda item for prioritizing future remediation projects and their cost in the common area over the next 5-10 years. A preliminary, non-ranked list of sensitive areas includes:

- west property line to OMR, behind 104 & 106 GTR (infestation of invasives and dead wood)
- east property line between 225 GHR and Highland Abbey (invasives)
- curve at GTR, including the hill down to the train tracks and behind / in-between 120-122 GTR (invasives, dead trees)
- area behind 101-103-105-107 GTR and 321 GTC down to the GTR entry (invasives and dead trees)
- OMR slope between the hollow and the GTR entry (lots of buckthorn and other invasives)

7. The next LSC meeting is scheduled for Wedn., Sept. 2, 6:30 pm (place TBA). BYOB if you like something to sip!

8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.