

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2016

Committee Members Present: Merry Shaurette, Steve Bernstein, Linda Kerr, Mary Eastwood

Guests Present: Julie Desiderio, Sam Desiderio, Bill Mertens, Mike Eastwood, Louise Kuryan, Joe Kuryan

- I. **Call to Order ~ 4:01 pm**
- II. **Proof of Notice of the Meeting**
- III. **Certification of a Quorum**
- IV. **Approval of March 17, 2016 Minutes**
- V. **New Business**

a. Pond Maintenance Update from Marty Atkins: Marty was given the names of 3 potential pond maintenance companies: Beautiful Ponds, Aquagenics and the Lake Doctor. Marty reported that Aquagenics only deals with pond maintenance, **CORRECTION: they are a full-service company**, not recommendations, and the Lake Doctor's company is currently "in crux". As a result, Marty spoke with Nathan Hoffman of Beautiful Ponds. It was suggested that nothing needed to be done right now but it was recommended to check with Southwest Florida Water Management to see how our ponds are first and foremost designated. Beautiful Ponds will then come up with their recommendations. Nathan did tell Marty that some plant growth is beneficial for the oxygen that they emit. A motion was made to have Beautiful Ponds get information that is on file with Southwest Florida Water Management and then do an evaluation. There would not be a charge for this. Motion passed.

VI. **Old Business**

a. Sam reported that on May 4, 5 & 6 the work to repair/improve the irrigation on parcel 1 will be done as well as on parcels 2, 3 & 4. Bubblers will be placed around all future-planned trees. "Donuts" will be placed around all sprinkler heads. Two other irrigation bids (other than ArtisTree) were requested with no submissions.

b. Linda Kerr inquired about the prospect of Villa owners having trees/plants planted in their villa yards at their own cost, especially the wall area, and if ArtisTree would plant/maintain them? This request should go directly to the Master Board for their approval. **CORRECTION: The request should go first to the Landscape Committee, Merry will then forward it on to Sam.**

c. Mulch update ~ The first 1/2 load should be delivered Wed or Thursday of this week, April 5, 6.

d. Steve Bernstein referred to a punch list that Jeff had from our walk through 2/4/16 which included items still not taken care of, specifically suckers removed from trees.

e. Thursday, April 7th, replacement plants should be planted, i.e., copper plants in roundabouts and pool area, as well as any other replacement plants.

f. It was pointed out that there are many weeds in the beds. This should be brought to Jeff's attention as well as the fact that it is in their contract that they should apply weed control and remove tree suckers.

g. Starting in April, mowing will be once a week and parcel 1 twice a month.

h. The diseased gold mound plants have been removed and will be replaced with a TBA plant(s). The cost is \$625 which the Master Board approved.

VII. Comments

a. The sea grapes have grown to 8-10' in height and when it is windy they rub against the wall which results in paint wearing off. These need to be trimmed.

b. It was pointed out by Bill Mertens, through photos from 2 years ago, that the front of the clubhouse is grossly overgrown and in dire need of trimming. Not only for aesthetic reasons but some of the plants/trees are touching the gutters and eaves.

c. Joe Kuryan asked if there was a plan in place to prepare the soil before irrigation is done. He commented how sandy the soil is. Marty

proposed doing a test plot 100' x 100', kill the weeds, fill the soil, add top soil then seed. After much discussion, it was decided to consult with ArtisTree regarding their recommendations on hydro seeding.

VIII. Date for Next Meeting ~ TBA

IX. Adjournment ~ 5:04 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Eastwood

