

Windsor Oaks Landscape Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 10 a m

Present: Julie Thomley, Pat Stutts, Chris Bennett. Al Behar, Hugh Wise, Josh Sells (U S Lawns)

Minutes: Minutes of May minutes approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. We welcomed Chris Bennett, who has extensive background in landscaping, to our committee. Janice Mann will probably be joining us in the early fall. Carol Dupont will not be joining us.
2. a. The cost of pine needles prohibits placement of more than one time/year.
 - b. The timing of pruning and placement of pine needles is improved, but must continue to be a point of emphasis.
 - c. Nandinas will not be pruned next year.
 - d. Mulch as a replacement for pine needles was considered, but it is much too costly.
 - e. Retraining of U S Lawns crews is needed regarding the hollies around the A. C. units. The trimming should not be below the level of the A. C. units because we want to keep the A. C. units out of sight.
 - f. Homeowners should be notified by the board concerning the date pruning will be done.
3. Irrigation system is now watering 3 days a week for all homeowners. Seven new clocks have not arrived yet and all units will be checked for proper programming when the clocks are installed. Watering is not done on Wednesdays because that is lawn maintenance day.
4. Status of walk around inspections is unknown at this time. To be determined by the board.
5. a. Trimming now done 3 times/year, and consideration was given to a 4th trim, but Josh stated this was not necessary. However, Josh will still provide a quote for the 4th trimming.
 - b. Difficult to trim tips of Wax Myrtles on Grand Oak so Chris received approval to trim all of these with trimmings to be placed in large plastic bags and placed at the pick-up point beside the pool area on Grand Oak. U. S. Lawns to pick up trimmings.
6. U. S. Lawns is responsible for weeding. They do use Roundup with no extra charge. Homeowners' use of Roundup is acceptable, if desired. Bed should be preened before placing pine straw.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Is there a possible savings to be realized with the trimming of Crape Myrtles? Those that overhang the unit, etc., must continue to be trimmed, but is there a need to trim all Crape Myrtles every year? This discussion will be ongoing.
2. In the backyard of 8618 WRD there is a 10' brick wall. The trees the owner wants removed are planted behind the wall upon ground level with the new condos or about 10' in the air. These would be cost prohibitive to remove, and therefore, the 8618 owner will not be aided by the HOA.
3. There is evidence of someone pouring grease and placing cigarette butts into the storm drain. While this is a common sense "no-no", the board will address this in the newsletter with a reminder that this is strictly prohibited.
4. New shrubs are warranted for one year so if they die within one year, they will be replaced by U. S Lawns. Watering is key.
5. With any new planting the soil must always be amended by U. S. Lawns.
6. When original shrubs die, the unit owners will now be provided with some different but tasteful choices. This will be a quiet process, but at least the unit owner will have some degree of flexibility.
7. Approval was given to cut down and grind the stump of a diseased tree at 8425 WRD. This will cost about \$1,000.
8. 8429 WRD owner cannot remove shrubs, but can plant small flowers in front of the shrubs leading to the A C unit.
9. Schneider Tree, at a cost of about \$10/tree or about \$3,000 total, can provide a comprehensive history of each tree via aerial photos and computer readout. This merits further consideration.
10. The committee agreed the arrangements at Elm Lane and Rea Road need great improvement. Therefore, these 2 beds will be doubled in size on the next planting and will feature yellow pansies (lemon only) supplemented by Juncas grass. This will provide a more attractive offering at both entrances, and is a good response to frequent comments by unit owners.

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11. Concerning 8364 WRD Junipers, we are evaluating a type of Hawthorne as a replacement.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 1 P M at the clubhouse.

Respectfully submitted by Hugh Wise