

## Windsor Oaks Landscape Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

In Attendance: Julie Thomley (Chair), Chris Bennett, Janice Mann, Al Behar, Hugh Wise. We wish Josh a speedy recovery from COVID.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Janice made a motion that minutes of 8-15-21, be approved. Motion seconded by Al and approved by all.
2. All agreed the notification of scheduled pruning to homeowners went very well and was appreciated.
3. Budget for 2022 includes no increase from U S Lawns and the same projections (\$30,000) for trees. The irrigation system has lots of needs and the budget will be increased to accommodate needed repairs, etc.
4. Schneider Tree Co. will be making a presentation at the next board meeting concerning an aerial/computerized image of every tree on the property. The cost is \$3500, not \$10,000 as originally thought. This merits further evaluation by the board and landscape committee. Getting input from an outside arborist (City of Charlotte, for example) or even another tree company also merits further review.
5. The committee agreed with the concept expressed by the Keeping Windsor Oaks Beautiful document. There were a couple of minor changes recommended by the committee. The 15-item list should also include security signs (2 is the maximum), outdoor furniture, doorbell aids, seasonal decorations and outdoor umbrellas. Once the document is provided to the homeowner, follow-up will begin in about 2 weeks. The subject of trellises was fully discussed since there are several on the Windsor Oaks property, including one with written approval by the board 4 years ago. Possibly the board will consider written applications for a trellis with the full understanding that the plant must be maintained by the homeowner, since the brick work must not be damaged.
6. Obviously, the split rail fencing is aging and is expensive to maintain therefore, the input of the Landscape Committee is requested. Fencing is a function of the AMC Committee, but the input of the Landscape Committee will be helpful. The total linear feet of the existing fencing was not available for financial planning purposes.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. The committee agreed the Violations Notice is well-written and completely appropriate.
2. The roses in front of the clubhouse will be removed and replaced by Autumn Ferns which tolerate shade.
3. Amending the soil is CRITICAL when replacing dead plants. Beds must be elevated to allow proper drainage. U S Lawns is to do the planting work, not the homeowner. U S Lawns is to do the planting of expanded arrangements at Elm and Rea Rds. in October. This is in accordance with the detailed minutes of the June meeting.
4. Two members of the board are trained in turn-off procedures of the irrigation system. This is pertinent because one homeowner's system was on for a few hours last week and caused concern.
5. U S Lawns needs to be more cognizant of the weeds around the fencing of the clubhouse. Also, 'Roundup' is the subject of a class action lawsuit because of the alleged cancer-causing problems, so we will request U S Lawns to consider an alternative weed killer. Weeds continue being a major issue around the property so follow-up with Josh will be helpful. Another follow-up necessity concerns cutting yards shortly after a rainfall, leaving depressions in the homeowner's yard.

Next Meeting, Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 1 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Hugh Wise

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Julie Thomley, Chair

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Hugh Wise, Secretary