

Landscape Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 5-9-06

Present: Janine Sisk; Aysegul Jezewski; Barbara Bergen; Daniel Flores

Absent: Dylan Pollock

Meeting started 8:10pm

Chairman: Aysegul Jezewski

Recorder: Daniel Flores

Mission Statement Reviewed before submitting final draft to the Board for their input and adoption.

Committee will ask Showplace to give priority to two homeowners that requested in person to have their dead or missing bushes replaced right away.

Dogwood common area: replace three trees with one tree due to water drainage problem. A proposal will be submitted to the HOA Board for approval. Committee suggested Corkscrew Willow Tree, or a Japanese Maple, these trees do well in moist soil. Committee will consult with Showplace for any recommendations.

Sprinklers should be checked/inspected by Showplace.

Some sprinkler heads are covered over with grass.

Some grassed areas and trees along the sidewalks are not getting adequate watering. Committee will ask Showplace to look into this.

Committee will consult with Showplace about spraying the Bradford Pear trees. Some trees have developed a powdery substance that is deforming the leaves as they bud and grow out. There is a spray that can be applied during the summer months to stop the powdery substance. The Bradford Pear trees were not sprayed during the winter months to stop the powdery substance from forming in the spring.

Committee has directed Showplace to turn off the sprinkler system in the park areas where the Old Oak trees are. This will keep them from dying. We have already lost two trees due to too much watering and poor drainage.

Showplace has suggested that the two infected/dead trees be injected with a special solution to see if they will regenerate new leaves. One injection was already applied last fall. Barbara has consulted with the Extension Service in Beaverton about tree the injections. She was told by the Extension Service that injections are a waste of money and they serve no value to the sick trees. The injections do not work.

Barbara will consult further with the Extension Service to see if they have any further recommendations on what else can possibly be done to bring them back.

An arborist suggested pruning dead tree limbs on the Old Oaks in the basketball court area. We will also consult with the Extension Service about this.

Committee will also bring a proposal to the HOA Board about approving some funding to cut down the two dead Oak Trees if nothing can be done for them. The cost is not known at this time. The Committee would like to have the option of consulting with companies to get bids right away, instead of having to wait a month from now for the HOA Board to reconvene. The Committee thinks it is prudent to remove the dead trees right away to avoid any damage to homes next to the trees, or possible harm to any person walking underneath the canopy of dead limbs.

Some hiking trails in the wetland areas need to be repaired. The City of Hillsboro is responsible for the upkeep of the wetlands in our neighborhood. The committee will contact the city to address this issue with them.

Drafted and reviewed some topics that will be printed up in the Landscape Committee Newsletter that will be coming out soon.

Meeting Adjourned 9:30pm