

Members present: Kathy, Dave, Mike, Jeff, Ben, Lacy, Jim Hale, Kay

Per Kathy, Ben has agreed to develop a priority spreadsheet on trees to be cut back from the roads.

The playground area does need trimming back of trees. We discussed possible tree solutions for shade for benches. There is a need for shade immediately and trees will take time. Also, the grills need to be replaced and have gravel put under them. Since canopies and grills are not part of the landscape committee responsibilities, recommend those items be referred back to the playground committee. Dave will prune trees away from fence (10-15 feet away). Contractor needs to finish work before we can do any additional landscaping.

At the Lake Margaret Clubhouse, the memorial Japanese maple will be moved to the right of the clubhouse. A bed will be around it and bulbs or other plantings will be done at the base of the tree.

Entrance flower beds look really great. Dave is spraying once a week to keep deer away from eating the flowers.

The communication box at the boat ramp has been knocked down again. Sam is looking into getting removed. Dave will move it if there are no wires to cut.

At the Cypress Glen entrance, there is a coil of wire on the ground. It belongs to Verizon. Dave had moved it out of the way for decorating at Christmas and it is still there. Need to get Sam to contact Verizon to remove it.

As far as the tree cut-back, we need to determine priorities. We did tell Dave that his crew should cut back any branches/trees that impede mowing. We suggested that Dave needs to be paid \$200 more a month out of the mowing budget for the removal of branches/vegetation obstacles to mowing. This will be ongoing.

At Lake Margaret, there are too many crepe myrtles and other plants in the median. The plan is to take 2 crepe myrtles at a time from each end of the bed over the course of the winter. The Nellie hollies are getting too big. Lacy suggested that we move them to other areas. Their size requires a professional company to move. We will get a quote on that. If too expensive or poor survival rate, they will be cut down. There are 3 on Killycrom that Dave will move. They are small enough. Also, the magnolias on the exit side need to be cut back and fertilized so they will match the ones on the entrance side.

There is a bare area at Highland Glen and Applecross. Dave will make a bed to include the Nellies and possible burgundy nandinas as a possible choice. Top soil will need to be added to ensure plant health.

The median at Highland Glen is overgrown. We will start with the removal of the nandinas and prune the hollies. The crepe myrtles will also need to be trimmed back.

At Shanley, the abelias will be pruned back heavy – 1/3 to 1/2 to allow them to come back out. 2 Burford hollies will also be put in the bed.

Vegetation/limbs will be cleared 10 feet back from the wall at the pool. There are also a couple of big pines that need to be cut down. This will require talking to RPA, Wheaton Cloe.

Minutes should be posted to the Highlands web site. Forward to Mark Fetty, web master.