

Landscape Committee Report – March 2009-03-11

The Landscape Committee met on Wednesday, March 11 at 10 AM. In attendance were homeowners Jim Kay (Landscape Chair), and Mike Barrett (BOD) along with Anthony Ruck (Alternative Landscapes).

The following recommendations are put forward for BOD consideration and approval:

- That the BOD approve the purchase and installation of (2) 12 station irrigation controllers to replace the existing 18 station controller that has been a source of irrigation problems. The purchase of (2) 12 station controllers is based on the following:
 - a. Lower cost to purchase (2) – 12 station controller than (1) – 18 station controller.
 - b. More flexibility to add additional zones if so required
 - c. In the event of failure of one controller, all zones are not lost.**The board approved the purchase of the 2-12 station controllers with a max. cost of \$900.00**

- That the Landscape Committee remain at 2 members (Kay and Barrett) and that volunteers be solicited as work parties to carry out occasional “gopher work”. Especially during spring start-up.

- That a letter be sent to all single family residents outlining the importance of not applying additional fertilizer or water to their properties, outside of the landscape contract. This avoids inconsistent visual aesthetics to the community. Also, that the letter includes the importance of removal of all dog feces from their lawn areas on a regular (ideally daily) basis. (Letter to be supplied by Landscaping Committee)
Corix / landscape committee will send a letter to the homeowners

- That an approval process be implemented for the approval of the planting of perennial plant stock by home owners to any landscape in the community.
The decision to remain with the existing process for the time being, remember to send your request to Corix at Sonoma.pines@corix.com

- That the BOD send a letter to Rykon requesting a time frame to expect “as-built” plans for the irrigation systems in Phase 1, 2 and 3.
To be discussed how we can establish “as builds” for the SFD phases.

- That the BOD confirms that the Phase 2 backyard landscapes adjacent to the golf course will be maintained by Rykon until ground works have been completed. Further, that all irrigation in this area will be capped so that irrigation can be maintained in the front landscapes (which will be maintained by Alternative Landscapes).
Confirmed by Rykon
- That the Landscape Committee be provided with a detailed account of the 2009 Landscaping Budget.
To be provided once established based on last years numbers.
- That a letter be sent to all single family residences outlining the procedure with dealing with a major irrigation malfunction.eg. pipe break (Letter to be supplied by Landscaping Committee)
Corix will distribute once the letter is prepared

The following is to inform the BOD of recent activity and upcoming events:

- That Gypsum/Lime will be applied to all turf areas during the latter part of March.
- That Ball Valve Inspection as per Seasonal Outline will take place in Phase 1, 2 and 3 on Wednesday, March 18. In attendance will be Jim Kay, Alternative Landscape, and Mike Barrett.
- Tree pruning and Spring Clean-up have been delayed as a result of unusually cold weather temperatures.
- That a process of accepting future phase, irrigation “turn-over”, is being developed for presentation and BOD approval. Will have proposal for April BOD meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.