

Landscaping and Grounds Committee – October 5, 2016:

Present: Bernie Trachtenberg (Chair), Steve Farron (Board Liaison), Charlie Berhang, Ken Kestin, Al Koretsky, and Maryann Ingenito (Sec'y)

Absent: Susan Kane

Bernie opened the meeting by informing the Committee that David and Stephanie are both aware of the dead specimens around the community. Dead plant material will be replaced as soon as the weather cooperates.

Committee then made the following recommendations for the Fall planting season:

- A new planting bed on the left-hand side of Arnold Palmer as you exit the community. This will fill in the gap and also provide symmetry with the bed on the opposite side of the street that was planted last year.
- Spruce up the islands along Championship Pkwy, perhaps by adding perennials that provide color. However, the Committee noted that black-eyed susans should not be used as they are not hardy and also are not at all attractive when not in bloom.
- Enhance the upper and lower planting boxes immediately in front of the guardhouse. Need to consider evergreens (so that the planting beds are not bare in the winter), augmented by seasonal annuals. The smaller islands around the guardhouse (in between the 2 exit lanes by the automatic arm) should also be reviewed for enhancement and replacement of shrubs.
- It was decided not to address the entrance at Country Club and 613 at this time since Toll will be building 3 houses where the current office trailer is and there is potential for damage to the plantings.

Other issues discussed:

- Plantings along the retaining wall behind 20 through 24 Country Club. This is not common property and also not the only retaining wall without shrubs so no such plantings will be done.
- The height of the fountains at the main entrance will not be increased as it could obscure the "Regency at Monroe" sign and create additional overspray which discolors the wall.
- In the future, we will possibly consider adding floodlights to illuminate the birch trees in front of the pond. There is currently no electricity in the area but it is feasible to bring it from a street lamp.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th at 4 p.m., David is available to meet to discuss our recommendations, the cost, and the timing of the plantings.

Respectfully Submitted: Maryann Ingenito