

## Open Space Committee Minutes – September 20, 2006

### Members in attendance:

Robert Altland  
Russ Fuller  
Walt Koehler

### Also in attendance:

Melvin Glover from Valley Crest Landscaping

### Old Business:

- Discussion on steep slopes specifically the one off Susan Leslie Drive and Glen Robin Terrace. These two slopes will be worked by Valley Crest. Specifically additional soil, seed and webbing will be laid down to hold the soil and seed down. The steep slope along Gloucester Parkway will be worked on next year.
- Discussion on the replacement of shrubs and grass near the Sprucegrove tot lot and the Courts sign. Valley Crest said they would be replacing these items.
- Discussion on tree pruning. Mr. Glover stated that the pruning of trees along Ashburn Road was completed.
- Discussion on the removal of trees. Mr. Glover also stated that there are a few additional large community trees that need to be removed. He said his crew will mark these trees with tape so that members of the Open Space Committee can find them. If the OSC determines that these trees need to be removed we can contact PMP and make the request to have them removed.
- Discussion on watering. Mr. Glover made some recommendations on watering. Specifically he stated that extensive surface watering will make the roots stay at the surface. Slow drip watering systems like the “Watergator” allow the roots to go deeper into the group. There was extensive discussion by the OSC members on whether we should invest in an irrigation system for portions of the community. The OSC agreed that the steep slope on Gloucester Parkway would be a good candidate for the first irrigation system.
- Discussion on the tree replacement proposal to be provided by Valley Crest. Mr. Glover stated that he had not had time to put together a final proposal. Mr. Glover will provide the proposal to the OSC next week. Mr. Glover stated that planting trees can be done all the way up to Christmas. However, the OSC members want to complete the tree replacement and reseeding of areas where trees will not be replaced as soon as possible. The proposal will include the trees and the “Watergator” watering.
- Discussion on the new Valley Crest landscaping proposal. Rob Altland agreed to request a soft copy of the new Valley Crest proposal from PMP. **(This has been completed. An e-mail has been sent to PMP)**
- Discussion on Fire lane painting. There was a lengthy discussion on the three companies that have provided proposals for the fire lane painting and a discussion about the fourth company that will provide a fire lane painting proposal. Rob Altland agreed to send out his appraisal of the three proposals

that have already been provided to the community. **(This has been completed. The proposal has been sent to Russ Fuller and Walt Koehler.)**

- Discussion on benches needing replacement in the community. Rob Altland stated that two commercial grade benches have been ordered to replace the benches on Sprucegrove Square. Russ Fuller stated that he could help with the installation of the benches.
- Discussion on playground equipment. Rob Altland stated that the company we have dealt with in the past, Sport System, has been unresponsive to our requests for catalogs. Rob Altland stated that PMP is looking for an alternative supplier of playground parts. This issue needs to be resolved soon since the large playground on the Courts side of the community is broken.
- Discussion on the condition of multipurpose courts and tennis courts. The Courts side tennis court and multipurpose court is in much better shape than the Ridges side tennis court and multipurpose court. These multipurpose court needs to be resurfaced using Association Reserve funds. We need to come up with a better way to secure our tennis courts. There was no final resolution on this issue.
- Discussion on community maps. Walt Koehler spoke to a representative from Loudoun County and got preliminary plans for the community. The Loudoun County representative stated he would provide electronic versions of the final plats to Walt for distribution to OSC members and other interested community members.
- Discussion on asphalt walkways. Walt Koehler wants to use the electronic maps to identify asphalt trails requiring repair. He would like to make this a major project for the OSC next year.

New Business:

- Welcome to Russ Fuller, our new OSC member.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18. Monthly meetings are usually every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.