Open Space Committee Minutes – July 18, 2007

Members in attendance:
Robert Altland
Russ Fuller

Old Business:

- Stop signs - Status update – will wait to see where stop signs are placed by the developer. Denise earlier opposed the installation of anymore stop signs near her home.
- Ridges Sign Lighting - Status update – lights in place and new security collars ordered
- Snow removal contract. - Ensure the Blade Runners knows that Russ and Denise will be our townhouse focal points.
- Tot lots – There was a status update to include discussion on having an inspection built into the OSC budget.
- Embankment plantings – We should continue with this effort if any funds remain in the budget.
- Community tree trimming - Status update – holding off on trimming until this very hot summer is over.
- Community tree replacement - what can we do this year? We will wait until the fall to determine which trees will be replaced by Blade Runners under warranty. This may have been the worst year for trees in the last four years.
- Walgreens buffer - still status quo? Still waiting to see what the developer will do.
- Blade Runners dumping grass in the common area - Blade Runners will not do this in the future
- Storm Drains - I believe we closed on this, they are safe to play in according to Loudoun County
- Budget – Still looking for an updated OSC budget with expenditures to date.
- OSC Charter – We will leave the charter alone and see if the BOT wants to make the charters for all the committees more consistent.

New Business:

- Newsletter article – There was a discussion about the graffiti on mail box, the large trees that needed to be removed and a request for homeowners to help out during this drought by watering common area trees. It was agreed that all these issues would be put in a newsletter. The OSC should have three articles in the next community newsletter (OSC, graffiti/vandalism/homeowners watering plants).
- Resurfacing the Ridges multipurpose court and tennis court – Rob will query the BOT on this issue (found out later that the BOT plans on resurfacing these two courts after the Commercial construction is done. This is consistent with previous plans.

- Watering - how should we deal with this drought? Let things go dormant / Query Blade Runners for their opinion on what to do? We decided that we would simply water those areas where we have watering contracts and let the rest of the common area go dormant. However, we will look at a more expansive watering contract for the common area.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2007. Monthly meetings are usually every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.