

Open Space Committee Minutes – May 16, 2007

Members in attendance:

Robert Altland
Russ Fuller
Denise Hoffman

Old Business:

- New Courts play ground equipment - Rapidan Resources is finishing up the final work on the playground. This will include straightening the ladder and installing at their cost the two swing set pad under the swing set. This work is expected to be completed the week of 21 May.
- Community cleanup - Russ stated that he had two boxes of garbage bags, two boxes of latex gloves and two bottles of anti-bacterial lotion. Russ, Denise and Rob will meet at the community center on Saturday May 19 to help with this event.
- Stop signs - Much discussion about stop signs but a concern that we may be over regulating the community with all the stop signs. Another comment made is the signs aren't enforceable since they are on private community property. Russ will query VDOT on the stop sign enforceability and where stop signs should be located.
- Lighting proposals - Russ announced that the BOT agreed to fund the replacement cost for the lights at the Ridges sign. Russ stated that we need to have plantings around the new lights. Russ will put together a drawing he can show to Blade Runners so we can get a bid on the work.
- Snow removal contract. - Rob reported that the BOT agreed to use Blade Runners as the snow removal company. Russ agreed to be the focal point on the OSC for calls about the snow removal service.
- Community Mail boxes - Rob reported that the postal service is agreeing to replace the posts on three of the community mailboxes. The Postal Service will work on the posts to the mailboxes in Sprucegrove Square, Cadbury Terrace and Grovemont Terrace
- Tot lots - Rob reported that Blade Runners will be putting 2 inch topping of ADA compliant tot lot wood chips on the four remaining playgrounds in the community.
- Embankment plantings - There were a number of concerns about this proposal. We need Blade Runners to come to a meeting and provide a more detailed overview of their plans to include watering plans.
- Community tree trimming - There were a number of concerns about this proposal. We need Blade Runners to come to a meeting and provide a more detailed overview of their plans.
- Fire hydrants – Rob reported that the fire hydrants in over half the community have been painted. He needs to verify with the Loudoun County Sanitation Authority that they plan to complete painting the rest of the fire hydrants.
- Budget – Russ reported that Ed Thomas will provide him with an updated OSC budget with expenditures to date.

New Business:

- Graffiti on mail box - Russ volunteered to clean the mail box during the Community clean up day.
- Trees – There are multiple dead trees in the community. There is one dead tree behind the homes on Sprucegrove Square and two dead trees behind the homes on Raleigh Place.
- Resurfacing the Ridges multipurpose court and tennis court – Rob will query the BOT on when this work will be completed.
- Volunteer list – Rob will query the BOT and the Communications Committee on the practicality of this list.
- Denise reported that Blade Runners is dumping grass in the forested area of our common area. Rob will query Terry from Blade Runners on this issue.
- Storm drains: Russ has a concern about the storm drains, whether it was safe for children to play in them. He will contact Loudoun County for an answer. We need a status on this effort.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2007. Monthly meetings are usually every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.