

Open Space Committee Minutes – February 18, 2004

Members in attendance:

Jim Alba
Tom Brunelli
Jim Moore
Marcie Stein
Laurie Tolles
Mark Wright

Old Business:

- In the Courts:
 - looking for bids to fix the basketball backboard
 - waiting for a Courts resident to choose a spot for the new dog station
 - looking for bids to add a security light to tennis courts; Tom will call electrical contractors and get three bids by next meeting
- In the Ridges:
 - Brookline/Sprucegrove reseeding is on the schedule for Spring
 - March 15, a vendor will show the handyman how to install the mats under the swings
 - looking for bids to plant screen trees around pool
 - Handyman is working on vandalism near Ridges sign (BOT is looking into property insurance)
- Courts and Ridges:
 - The community clean-up day was discussed. It will be scheduled for May 15 at 10:00 a.m. (After the yard sale and before the pool opening.) The following ideas were proposed:
 - have maps of community and designate areas
 - have roll off dumpster from Friday to Monday (Mark will call Waste Management)
 - have trash bags
 - have rewards such as plants, ice cream bars, popcorn, cotton candy, Dairy Queen, kites, toys, Pizza Hut, Happy Meals- Maybe burgers and dogs.
 - Jim M. will ask a Girl Scout den mother about participation of Scouts for a merit badge; Mark will check with Daisy Scout mother
 - Events Committee may participate with food; could coordinate a kite flying event after clean up and lunch
 - Laurie will check on a trash character spokesperson (like Smokey the Bear)
 - Andy Adams pedestrian safety session?
 - need to plan for article in Crane/flyer/web site
 - Looking for bids to clear streets of sand, etc. Ask Liz about a street sweeper contractors and if VDOT will allow it; Mark will check with Waste Management
 - Next fall, survey the areas which are designated Open Space sidewalks for snow removal

New Business:

- Snowpoint/Laurel Ridge retaining wall is OSC responsibility. PMP will inspect in spring, fix, clean, and paint
- Laurie will research preventive measures for Japanese beetles and planting policy regarding cicada. Article to go in May Crane.

- Courts sign has been installed; new plants in spring
- March 30 the mulch pile on Gloucester will be removed
- boundary bushes will be revisited when communities are completely developed
- a vote was taken and it was unanimously concluded not to allow planting on common grounds at all.
- Gloucester planting and other landscaping will be discussed in spring
- Ask BOT to contact County now about moving the Gloucester bus stop back from the parkway
- Light #38 on Brookline is still out
- trash, clothing, and debris has collected on the tennis courts; one tennis net is still unhooked, the bench has a broken leg
- trash, broken glass, and debris has collected on the basketball courts; baskets are broken, cement and rusty rod are hanging from one net
- curbs to be painted in spring

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17. Monthly meetings are every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.