

Open Space Committee Minutes – February 21, 2006

Members in attendance:

Robert Altland
Russ Fuller

Old Business:

- Rob Altland provided an update on the Open Space Committee 2006 accomplishments presentation to the 12 February 2007 Board of Trustees meeting.
 - These accomplishments included:
 - A new Landscape contract
 - Storm water retention pond improvements at all community storm water retention ponds
 - Milky spores application across community
 - Removal of dead trees and shrubs in community
 - Addition of new trees and plantings to include improvements to the Courts sign planting
 - Replacement of benches in Sprucegrove Square with two commercial grade benches
 - Reseeding of Steep slopes in two areas of the community
 - Fire Lane and parking lot striping
 - Installation of No Trespass signs in our recreation areas
 - Cooperative work with and the Community Events committee on the Community Clean Up
 - Repair of damaged play set at the large Ridges play ground
 - Coordination with Loudoun County Sanitation Authority to repaint community fire hydrants. We are first on their list of fire hydrants to be repainted in 2007.
 - Cooperative discussions with developer of commercial lot adjacent to the Community center
 - Planning and approval for new playground equipment at the large Courts playground
- Lighting proposals - Rob Altland provided a review of the lighting proposals provided to the community by Southern Electric. The proposals and a recommendation to fund the seven proposals in priority order have been provided to the Board of Trustees. During this discussion Russ Fuller recommended that we plant shrubs in the front of the new lights near the Ridges sign. Russ thought this would give the new lights greater protection.
- Community signs - Russ Fuller stated that one of the new signs on the Ridges tennis courts is gone. He asked that we get the signs from Mark Wright and have them stored in the community center.
- Snow removal contract - There was a brief discussion about the snow removal contract. Since this contract was not worked through the OSC the committee has little if any insight into the contract or how well it is supporting the community.

- Community trails – the OSC will take another look at the condition of trails in the community. Currently the OSC does not believe the trails in the community are in good condition.
- Mail boxes in common areas - The OSC still needs to determine if we should have someone paint the bottom the town home community mailboxes. The paint on the fiberglass appears to be fading.

New Business:

- The priorities for the OSC for 2007 are:
 - Ensure that the new Courts play ground equipment is installed appropriately. Work with the community events committee for a community open house with the new play equipment.
 - Replace the two broken benches at the Susan Leslie Memorial area with a single commercial bench.
 - Work with Loudoun County Sanitation Authority to have the fire hydrants in the community repainted.
 - Work to have as much of the steep slope along Gloucester Parkway reseeded as possible.
 - Work with the developer of the commercial property near the community center to mitigate the impact of the development.
 - Replant as many replacement trees and shrubs as possible consistent with the OSC budget.
 - Install as many community lights as possible per the seven proposals already provided to the Board of Trustees.
 - Conduct a review of the community walkways and paths for possible resurfacing in the future.
- Community clean up – Russ Fuller questioned the value of the dumpster which is acquired to support Community Clean up day. Few if any homeowners assist with community clean up day and almost all the items brought to the dumpster could be hauled away by the trash company if they were called by members of the community.
- Signs in Townhouse area – why are these signs needed and where should they go. Rob Altland said he would talk with Mark Wright about these signs.
- The OSC is down to two active members and needs more members.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2007. Monthly meetings are usually every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.