

Open Space Committee Minutes – July 21, 2004

Members in attendance:

Robert Altland
Jim Moore
Laurie Tolles
Mark Wright

The members in attendance completed a walkthrough of the boundaries around the Ridges. We discussed the benefits of having a tree line versus a fence, as well as various kinds of fencing. We will consider safety, security, privacy and community factors. In order to make decisions, we need to document the exact measurements of the boundaries and any plans from the developers.

- Raleigh Place—New development has removed their trees and the visual boundary is thinning. More trees would probably not flourish.
- Stubble Road—New community is very close to the narrow road. Possibly an invisible chain or mesh fence.
- Shadyside Terrace and Huntford Terrace—It has a steep drop into the future road. Trees will not protect children from accidents. Survey residents about positioning of fence.
- Gloucester Parkway—More trees to keep down noise and pool spectators.
- Commercial site—Where will patrons enter? What are the plans for connecting? We discussed speed bumps and boundary fencing.
- Sprucegrove West—There is quite a bit of space between the road and our property.
- Sprucegrove North—Overgrown brush. Thick boundary at this time.
- Millstead Drive—Eventually connecting to Belmont or will the residents get their front yards back?
- Baymeadow Court—Spoke with a resident who was very pleased with his current boundary.

We should try to gain community input at next meeting.....Newsletter article and email.

Maintenance Issues:

- It looks as if the builders behind Glenrobin Terrace knocked down a tree over the fence and into our open space.
- Sprucegrove tot lot is not being maintained. Broken branches, lots of trash. Think about moving the trash can to a more visible spot and clearing some brush.
- Sprucegrove Square benches—two have missing planks; one has loose planks. Think about purchasing the type that is in the Courts.
- The open space between Brookline Terrace and Sunset Terrace is awaiting trees and turf.

Landscaping Contractor Proposal:

- Jim distributed copies of T&Cs old proposal. We'd like to discuss our requirements and solicit bids.

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