

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE (OSC) MEETING  
October, 16 2008

Attending: Russ Fuller (RF), Jim Gambill (JG), Dave Ream (DR)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

The Pre-planning for the Tree Removal is included as an OSC meeting which makes this meeting the third meeting for JG and the second meeting for DR

We reviewed the last meeting's minutes and recommended no changes, but two related issues were discussed:

- A cautionary note should be added to the newsletter to notify people of the following hazard: The chain and lock securing the tennis gate closed should be locked with a tight/short chain loop to prevent any children from squeezing through the gate access to the tennis court. (If a child is hurt in there, precious time may be lost by any first responder if the gate is locked closed.)
- Bishop Tennis sent the OSC a letter for signing off on the work they performed. When signed and returned, this letter will start the warranty duration. Who should sign it? Probably the PMP should do so, with some input from the Board of Directors and/or the OSC. RF will pursue acquiring the signature.
- A list of items will be collected for future newsletters.

Tree Removal & Seed Planting

- Some dead trees were pulled a few weeks ago from some open spaces as was planned, and the remaining bare patches smoothed over. Seed and hay will later be spread on these spots. There are more trees to be pulled. Some trees on the Courts side are bigger and will require more work to free them. We are targeting 10/25 as the next tree-pull date.

It was asked "Do we seed these spots now in Fall or wait until Spring? We decided to try it in Fall, and may add this to the activities on 10/25.

Shrub Replacement

Work has been proposed by the landscapers for replacing the dead shrubberies in the Gloucester natural areas. The committee reviewed this work in detail and decided to proceed with the plan, which includes installing some 7-gallon China Girl Hollies. As a very rough benchmarking exercise, JG will call Meadows Farms to get a market price for 7-gallon China Girl Hollies.

Other Notes:

- Some homeowners are dumping yard waste in the wooded areas, but this is illegal. The committee discussed this and decided a note should be included in the spring newsletter.
- The committee discussed some minor repairs in the neighborhood and that a handyman is on the payroll to do this work. We will try to contact the handyman via the BOD at the next board meeting.

Running list of items for future newsletters:

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.