

Ridgewood Creek Homeowners Association Grounds Committee Meeting 4/25/2023

The first (reintroduced?) Grounds committee meeting was held Tuesday April 25, 2023 via Zoom.

Attendees: John Tritle, George Carter, Sue Carter, Rich Burbes, Cindy Burbes. Kris Albers

Those in attendance agreed that the scope of the committee should include the following:

- A. Overview and approval of HOA common areas maintenance.
 - B. Maintenance projects using volunteers.
 - C. Beautification and Decorations for special occasions/Holidays.
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1. George Carter requested that all members have a copy of the lawn and path maintenance contract with Duneland Landscaping for 2023. John will supply this.
 2. George also questioned the condition of the split rail fence located by the road where it goes over the creek; also, could it be replaced with something more consistent with the bridge. We will investigate this more before a specific action is proposed.
 3. Cindy Burbes recommended planting perennial bulbs at the main entrance to add some color. Perennials would require little maintenance and would not require watering. Currently this committee has no funds budgeted so John will discuss with the BOD. Also, John will discuss having a budget for smaller projects that wouldn't require individual approval by the BOD.
 4. John mentioned that some of the treads on the bridge are getting pretty rotted, we will likely have to replace a few this year. We have a source for the wood and will just need labor to replace them and paint.
 5. There is an excessive amount of erosion of the lime from the path into the small upper pond due to an opening in the street curb. John has contacted the county to see if the curb can be repaired. It would be preferable to remove as much lime as possible from the upper pond. We will discuss when the curb is resolved.
 6. John contacted the company who provides maintenance for the pond regarding the cattails. They have a spray which will kill the cattails but it has to be applied in the fall. Since muskrats love to eat cattails, we hope removing the cattails will discourage the muskrats.
 7. The status of the tennis court was raised. Last year we contracted to have the fence repaired. The next item was to paint the fence but we were unsure what to use for paint so that has been on hold. Finally, any repair work on the tennis court itself has been put on hold by the BOD due to cost. Any practical repair/replacement would require tearing out the existing surface with a cost of around \$50,000.
 8. John will discuss with Kyle Hauber about putting grounds committee information on the HOA website. The committee then needs to decide what information they want to share.
 9. The Association has three (3) more dog bag stations that can be installed. We have identified locations for two of them and will organize getting them installed soon.

The next Grounds Committee meeting will be held May 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.