

Date October 6, 2017

To Firethorn Lane Residents

From Thom Wright
Executive Director

Re Minutes from Lane Meeting

Thank you for participating in Lathrop's annual Lane meeting! It was highly informative and enjoyable and we appreciate your feedback and wise counsel. The following are minutes from the meeting held on October 6, 2017 at 1:00pm.

1. The meeting began with a moment of silence.
2. Grateful for the green grass! The long term plan around lawn care is for next year's growing season to have irrigation system operating 100%. Right now, the areas where new grass has been planted, the sprinklers are working (they have rain sensors). The well needs to be repaired. Mike shared that the wells combined only produce 8 gallons per minute. Each lane has a timer for the irrigation valves. Suggestion to remind people not to park on or near the edge of the grass. Mike suggests a series of communication such as trash cans placement, etc. Lane sign plantings will also be watered through the system.
3. Thank you for the tree trimming! Stumps will be removed. As for additional plantings or grass planting, the landscape architect is working on a long range plan. . The landscape architect will be introduced at the next Association meeting and present some initial ideas for feedback.. The priority is the overall campus to develop a larger, long-range plan. The trees and shrubs are maturing and some may need to be replaced. The front and sides of end units will be considered first. A budget will be developed accordingly. Planting perennials and reducing the overall need for pruning and upkeep may correlate to long-term cost savings.
4. The issue of accessibility with an electric wheelchair inside the unit. Suggest attention to the design of the meeting house and units in the future. Agreed.
5. Suggest removal of forsythia near Firethorn. Mike will follow up with Spring Valley.
6. Request for someone to sweep the berries that fall onto the sidewalk from the Dogwood near the Meeting House.
7. The concrete will be repaired once winter is over.

8. Mike shares that every 2-3 years he bids landscaping, *Pioneer* and *Gleason* is very expensive. So, Spring Valley continues to be preferred vendor.
9. A shower continues to be an issue and is still leaking; may need to be replaced. Mike will follow up on the issue.
10. The *Free Fifty* celebration is October 21.
11. Suggestion/observation about the amount of paper being used for announcements.
12. Speeding on campus is an issue. The signage size and placement needs analysis. Mike will follow up.
13. Luncheons will be revisited with Paul Westerfield within the next few weeks.
14. T. Wright discussed the master plan indicating that the Executive Committee met on October 2 to discuss an alternate plan to the current full-build-out by maintaining the Inn and adding on a commons building and memory support neighborhood. Both scenarios will be financially modeled by CliftonLarsonAllen. This will include the results of the capital reserves study of current assets (see Sarah for details) completed two weeks ago. The Meeting House project may be planned in a separate but parallel process in order to keep plans moving ahead and to reduce the overall master plan financing costs.
15. The Enhanced Living program was discussed; addition of a full time nurse, breakfast and care options has greatly helped with occupancy. We now have 3 remaining units available. It's been a huge shift in a short period of time.
16. The subject of Roundup arose. Residents would like to be informed when it is being applied, unless an alternate solution is identified. Mike will ask Spring Valley to develop a schedule next year. Generally done every 2 weeks except for residents with signage "I do my own gardening." Roundup application is done for this season. 2018 is a year for mulch (reapplied every 2 years).
17. Request for someone to facilitate a workshop on identity theft, Equifax etc. Rob and Frank will research.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.