

Raintree View Committee
Meeting February 23, 2008

The RV Committee met on February 23, 2008. Those in attendance were Allan Dancy, Brenda Miller, Stan Spruill, Tom Tucek and Brian Whitley. Unable to attend was San LaPointe.

Tom advised that he had been delegated to be committee chairman and asked if anyone on the committee wished to replace him. All declined.

Discussion began with where to start. It was agreed to develop a resident survey to ascertain wants/needs and unwanted amenities to be incorporated in the plan for Raintree View. Brian volunteered to take the lead and develop the questionnaire. It was agreed to include the questionnaire in the April dues mailing and also placed on the website.

Also discussed was the need for buffer screening and lack thereof. Some suggestions were to use plantings different than evergreens. One suggestion was to use Lombardy Poplars as a quick growing and relatively sturdy alternative. Tom noted that he had seen them used as a buffer in the Chicago area and that they had survived the winter storms for 25 – 30 years. Another comment was that, being Poplars, they would quickly reestablish any limbs damaged by storms. Another suggestion was to look into a newer variety of Bradford Pear that is reputed to better survive ice/snow storms. The Common Grounds Committee will be requested to provide input and recommendations.

In order to develop plans further, it was agreed that off street parking should be one of the first considerations. Although the plans developed by the original committee show parking with different entrance/exit locations, it was felt that there had been changes to the Unified Development Ordinance and that the City should be contacted to review the plans and advise on location and number of entrances/exits that would be allowed. Tom will follow up and report.