

Common Grounds Meeting Minutes June 16, 2015

The meeting was held at the Duck Pond Activity Center 7:00PM

Present: Rich Bird, Kathy Goldman, Robert Dye, Marsha Hosick, Roberta Prudden, Sue Rusco
Guests: Raintree View Committee members, Allan Dancy, Brenda Miller, and Stan Spruill, plus John Hustad, 804 SW Lake Pines Drive

Raintree View presented an idea to get seedlings from the Missouri Department of Conservation and starting a tree farm at Raintree. Everyone present thought the idea viable and worthy of pursuit.

John Hustad presented his concerns regarding the excessive growth of vegetation and algae in the ponds. His property is close to Beaver Pond.

Old Business:

Tyler Swope (Cobblestone) appealed the Raintree Board the Common Ground decision to have him remove the 8 evergreens planted this year. His appeal was denied by the board.

Brian and Angela Mitchell (March Wren): Office and Board are aware of the drainage problem and have added the project to their priority list.

Flagpoles at Sunset Cove are in and Marsha reported they look fabulous!

Sapelo has been redesigned. All the rock was removed, the soil was bladed, plastic was placed under part of the front and back and the cobblestones were re-laid, landscape fabric was laid on the remaining area and mulch was added. Karl Foerster, St. John's Wort, and Missouri Primrose were planted June 2, 2015. Roberta suggested additional grasses be added to the front of the monument. We first have to see what survives this rain, consider the spread of the plants, and research short grasses. A major concern of the residents and cause of phone calls, emails, and comments to Paula has been vegetation that covers the plaque on the monument.

2016 Budget: Nick's invoice for the spring planting was received. Colonial's invoice for the order placed in January and the long bed at the Duck Pond has not been received. It is estimated that there is \$500 left in the committee account and fall mums will take about half.

New Business:

The committee promised itself that the majority of the July meeting would be spent on budget planning with the September 30th due date in mind. Each committee member needs to submit items to be placed on a priority list. Some items already submitted include replacement plantings, a new area based on our June field trip (Marsha will explain), Raintree Circle solution, Rain Garden at Marline, light kits for existing aerators, more aerators for Hidden Cove and

other areas (if you have areas in mind please identify them), work on the area around the ponds, a pocket park at Sunset Cove. Regatta Islands renewal project, Serenity Garden at Serenity Point, a community vegetable garden, a putting green, park benches, trash cans.

Our Assignment:

Submit your suggestions by email for consideration by June 30th.

We can prioritize our list and have it available for the July Common Ground meeting.

At the July meeting we can see the Raintree Board's priority list and compare it to ours. We can make changes when we all have a chance to listen to each other's opinion.

Then August can be devoted to pricing out what we all consider our top priority.