

## COMMON GROUND COMMITTEE MEETING 4/8/2015

The meeting was held at the Duck Pond Activity Center from 7:00-8:30 PM

Present:

Rich Bird, 717 SW Admiral Byrd, 366-0161  
Robert Dye, 5173 SW Raintree Pkwy, 623-9725  
Kathy Goldman, 5005 SW Raintree Circle, 537-0267  
Marsha Hosick, 901 SW Drake Drive, 804-8959  
Jane Irwin, 301 SW Seagull Ct, 537-5143  
Sharon McCann, 3957 SW Starboard Ct. 623-3352  
Roberta Prudden, 226 SW Raintree Drive, 537-5224  
Sue Rusco, 4221 SW Homestead Ct, 591-3552  
Toni Travalent, 4656 SW Soldier Drive, 806-7036

### GARDEN CLUB PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

Toni Travalent, Roberta Prudden, Barbara Powers and Gina Baltz from the Raintree Lake Garden Club presented their proposed project for a waterfall with a rock pond collection area to be located at the corner of Raintree Drive and Cole Younger. The duck pond water will be used as the source for the feature. The company bidding the project can start as soon as the Board of Directors approves the project with June as a projected completion date. The pumps have a 3 year guarantee and the rest of the project has a 5 year guarantee. Clubs members provided the committee with a drawing and a video of the completed project. However, the completed project will have fewer plants than in the drawing.

After discussion by all in attendance, the Common Ground Committee approved the project and will present it to the Raintree Lake Board of Directors at their next meeting scheduled for April 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

### SAPELO ISLAND

Resident Glenda is concerned about the appearance of the island covered with rock because it looks different from the other common ground areas. The residents who live on Sapelo would like grass on the island. Committee members advised there is no irrigation on the island so grass can't survive our drought periods. Plans to cut down the height of the island are on hold until fall because of maintenance staff workload. In the meantime, ornamental grass in pots will be planted to soften the appearance. Cost \$75

### NAMING OF THREE PONDS

After group discussion, the following names were selected for the three unnamed ponds.

#6 – South of Estates Drive and North of Admiral Byrd Drive will be known as ADMIRAL BYRD POND.

#7 – South and West Gull Point Drive and North of Gull Point Trail – TURTLE DOVE POND

#8 – East of Gull Point Trail and North of Gull Point Drive – MINNOW POND

#### CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

The Common Ground Committee will meet on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday of each month going forward. Its next regular meeting will be on May 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Duck Pond Activity Center.

#### 291 SOLDIERS LANDSCAPE BUSHES

Sue Rusco presented to the committee a drawing and plants/bushes suggested for the two soldier islands at the entrance on Raintree Drive which would cost approximately \$975 for Birds Nest Blue Spruces and Sonic Bloom Weigela that require no deadheading. Sue will get firm prices and report back to committee.

#### 291 MONUMENT LANDSCAPE BUSHES

It was decided at this time that the new plantings at this location will not give as much bang for our buck as other locations. Considering our tight budget, this location was tabled for now.

#### PLANTINGS FOR NARROW DUCK POND BED

Roberta Prudden advised this flower bed is 75-foot in length and she has a bid and flowers selected for the location. The plan includes 3 Green Spire Euonymous, 4 Canadale Euonymous, 2 Mountain Boxwood, and 6 Sonic Bloom Weigela with approximate cost of \$725.

#### BUDGET AND ADDITIONAL PLANTING AREAS

The tree at Raintree Circle needs to be moved to Gull Point Circle then grasses planted to cover the boxes. Sharon McCann will talk to Rachele about when this can be added to the grounds team schedule. The budget is limited for the current year so projects to replace removed roses etc. need to happen over the next 4-5 years.

#### YARD OF THE MONTH

This program will continue; however, it was modified to recognize three (3) yards per month for the months of June, July and August for a total of nine (9) winners each year. Also, anyone who has not won in the last five (5) years is eligible.

Kathy Goldman will pick the yard on the South side of the lake, Marsha Hosick will pick the yard on the North side. The maintenance provided winner each month will be selected by Toni Travalent, Roberta Prudden or Sue Rusco.

#### ADOPT-A-TREE PLANTINGS

Plantings scheduled for April 27, 2015 weather permitting.

#### CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

Rich Bird is the acting chairperson; however, a permanent chairperson is needed so discussion of possible new members and a permanent chairperson were made. No decision was made.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.