



BOCA WEST MASTER ASSOCIATION

LANDSCAPE & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, December 17, 2024; 11:00 A.M.

Minutes

In attendance: Ronnie Pollard, Steve Becker, Herbert Getzels, Kenneth Sher and Alan Baer. Michael Eustace, Executive Director, and Lawson Turner, Director of Landscape and Maintenance, were also in attendance.

Mrs. Pollard called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. and established a quorum. The October 22, 2024 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Committee Chair's Introduction

Mrs. Pollard explained that a resident from Pinelake suggested installing a fence or planting hedges around the pump station on the lake bank across from Pinelake. Mr. Turner advised that all of the pump stations used to have wood fences, but they were difficult to maintain. All the pump stations now have chain link fences. The committee discussed what solution would be most cost effective. Mr. Turner will look into the cost of planting hedges.

Landscape & Maintenance Director's Report

Mr. Turner reported that his department is considering electric mowers and has tested Greenworks and Toro mowers. They will be testing John Deere. His mowing staff said it was easy to maneuver in the medians and around trees. Another benefit is the reduction in noise. Some of the concerns are how it cuts the grass in the rainy season and how the charge holds when travelling between the mowing locations, the batteries would have to be replaced every two years and all servicing is done by the dealer.

Mr. Turner explained how he manages the algae in the lakes.

Committee Member Discussion

Mrs. Pollard asked if more color could be added to the North T.

Mr. Eustace gave an update on the lighting project. He is negotiating with FPL to have them remove their poles.

A committee member asked if a fountain could be placed in the lake by Oakbrook. Mr. Turner explained that we are at the top of the grid as to what the transformers can handle. The Master Association would have to ask FPL to upgrade their transformers.

Mrs. Pollard reported that a resident in Waters Reach is requesting that the Master Association plant more foliage along Yamato Rd as traffic can be seen and heard from the resident's backyard

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which is negatively affecting the sale of the home. Mr. Turner explained there is a guardrail and utility easements that belong to Lake Worth Drainage in that area which do not leave a lot of room to plant. Due to concerns from neighboring communities, the Landscape and Maintenance Committee requested that Mr. Eustace and Mr. Turner obtain bids for a firm to complete a sound study to determine the best course of action. Mr. Turner has begun obtaining bids to replace the hedge with Arboricola and will present the bids at the next committee meeting. If the committee recommends the planting, Mrs. Pollard will present it to the Board. If adopted by the Board, planting will commence in the summer of 2025.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 A.M.

Next Meeting Date: January 14, 2025 @ 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,



Ronnie Pollard
BWMA Secretary, Committee Chair

1/14/25
Date