

April 17, 2002
8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Minutes of the Landscape Committee Meeting

Attendees: Terry Zawacki, Bob Donaldson, Tom Smolinski, Garry Sauner, Karen Stephenson

?? Kathy Doherty asked to remove the large, overgrown azalea bushes in front of her home (125) and replace them with smaller azalea bushes, at her own expense.

The Landscape Committee agreed to the removal and replacement of the azaleas at her expense contingent upon the removed azaleas being replanted by the chain link fence next to 135. The Landscape Committee also expressed concern about the overgrown bush between 123 and 125 and asked Kathy to consider that bush in her planting activities.

?? Julie McNamara asked to have the plum tree in front of her home removed as it is diseased and now has a crack in it. Additionally, she requested that ivy alongside her fence be removed as it is choking the holly trees.

The Committee agreed to the removal of the tree and will replace the tree with an appropriately sized and shaped tree for that space (Bob Donaldson will speak with Julie about the choices of tree replacements and their growing habits. Julie requested Blood Good Japanese Maple or Autumnalis Cherry as replacements). Terry indicated that Julie is free to pull out the ivy or that the landscape committee members would be happy to do it for her.

?? A request was made to cut down one of the trees between 109 and 111 as it is extremely close to encroaching on homeowner decks.

The Landscape Committee did not agree to cutting down the tree as it is a healthy tree and it does not represent any safety issues or impact any other healthy trees. The Committee did agree to soliciting a quote on having the tree pruned back. However, if it is not deemed a priority for the Spring pruning (meaning that there are other immediate pruning needs), then the committee agreed that the homeowner(s) could pay for the pruning themselves with the requirement that it be done by a professional that is knowledgeable about pruning to ensure that it does not negatively impact the tree. The homeowner pruning is contingent on the Landscape Committee determining what limb(s) on the tree are allowed to be pruned.

?? Garry Sauners (114) and Helga Johnson (112) have both requested that the large maple in front of their homes be trimmed to remove the largest branch overhanging their sidewalks. Both parties have expressed concern about it falling.

Bob Donaldson and Terry Zawacki stated that the arborist indicated that it does not pose a threat, as those trees are very hardy. Bradford Pears split at the base and as a result

large sections of the tree come down. The arborist indicated that Maples do not do that. However, the Landscape Committee will talk with the pruning people to have them trim the limb in question back.

?? A request was also made to remove the junipers around the base of the tree in front of 111 and 113. The tree is healthy but the juniper surrounding it puts it at significant risk of contracting root disease.

The Landscape Committee recommended removal of the juniper and for the short-term recommended grassing it over.

General Issues:

Bob indicated that Spring Pruning is scheduled for the April/May timeframe. He also said that he is still waiting on an estimate for removal of the Bradford Pear tree in front of 112 and 114.

Additionally, the Landscape Committee recommends that the other Bradford Pear tree in front of 121 be removed at the same time as the one in front of 112 and 114, for safety reasons given that the other two Bradford Pears that were the same age and size have come down. Bob is waiting on an estimate for this removal. The two Bradford Pears will need replacing once they are removed. The Landscape Committee will assess potential replacements based on size, hardiness and aesthetics once the trees in question are removed.