

**September 28, 2002**  
**8 a.m. – 11:30 am**  
**Minutes of the Landscape Committee Meeting**

Attendees: Terry Zawacki, Bob Donaldson, Garry Sauner, and Karen Stephenson

-- *Renegotiation of landscape contract for 2003*

*Our landscape contract is up for renewal with Flores Landscaping. The committee has asked Flores for a new proposal. The committee recognizes that Flores lowered their rates last year to get our business and also did not put charges into the contract for things that we have asked them to do, i.e., spraying. The committee agreed that we will negotiate a multi-year contract with Flores since they have been responsive to our requests and have been doing a good job.*

*The committee also had several landscape questions to ask Flores Landscaping:*

- What is the schedule for fertilization and spraying?*
- What is their policy on length of grass during the summer, especially when it is really hot? They seem to cut the grass very short each time they mow.*
- Many of the azaleas have lace bugs from the excessive heat. What special sprays can be used (preferably organic) and what is the cost?*

-- *Discussion of how to deal with the muddy rear area behind 108-112*

*The landscape committee did a general walk around the property to look at the muddy areas behind 108-112 as well as all other back areas. Grass and some ground cover is beginning to grow but the areas behind 108 and 110 are still muddy. The committee is considering putting pavers or gravel in that area to resolve the issue. This will not be done until StarPower is contacted to return and properly bury the exposed cables.*

*The committee recognizes that there have been several mitigating factors such as:*

- That area has been dug up several times by the cable companies and the grass has not grown back,*
- We have had very hot summers and,*
- We have had a lack of rain this summer that has not helped the grass and ground cover grow.*

*Additionally, 112 was experiencing standing water coming in under the back gate. A committee member looked at the problem area and resolved the issue by grading the area with existing paving stones and angling the board under the gate to allow water to flow out of the yard (the board put in to keep water from flowing in not allowing water to flow out of the yard and down to the drain). Additionally, the bottom of the gate was trimmed up allowing for easier movement over the board and stones.*

-- Response to letter regarding landscape issues for recommendation to the Board

*The committee discussed the letter to the board regarding drainage issues and will respond via a recommendation to the Board on how to resolve these issues. Some have already been discussed in the previous point.*

-- New Business/Other Business

*The front entrance has a few dead inkberry bushes that need removal. Additionally, several bushes will be moved temporarily to allow for the re-pointing of the brick wall.*

*The committee is working on scheduling a fall clean-up day to pick up areas. We will notify homeowners of this day and encourage participation.*

*The committee also reminds all homeowners that if they have a landscaping issue they should contact a committee member to get it on the next landscape committee meeting agenda so that the issue can be resolved in a timely and friendly manner.*