

Shearwater Landscape Committee Report

February 2014

1. Irrigation System:
 - a. Requested an updated invoice from Terra Nova with the entire system on 1 invoice as opposed to 3
 - Contract & sprinkler system is managed by Brodie/Board
 - b. Areas without sprinkler systems:
 - With the exception of the area in front of Buildings 11 & 12 (which was paid for privately), there aren't any sprinkler systems along the water
 - in the area in front of Buildings 7&8
 - these areas can be evaluated in the future for possible expansion of the system when the budget permits
 - c. Irrigation process:
 - Don Kadonoff has the portable control so he can walk around the community and test all the sprinkler heads
 - He can handle minor repairs; calls Terra Nova for any other repairs
 - The Landscape Committee advises him on the schedule for turning the water on/off
 - They also have a rain gauge that's supposed to prevent their coming on if there's already been sufficient rain, however the gauges aren't foolproof
 - Issue the previous year: mix-up in communication so sprinklers were not turned on when they should have been; will re-visit the process so this doesn't happen again
2. Front Gate & Snowstorms
 - a) In previous years, the gate was locked open during a snowstorm to allow the plow access and avoid damage to the gate
 - b) Should this be done going forward?
3. Replacement Trees in the Pool Area
 - c) Evaluation of alternative trees is underway
 - d) Getting feedback from nurseries in MD & VA, onsite visits, 'expert' websites, and the U of Maryland & AA County master gardener programs
 - e) Have requested an onsite review and educational/Q&A session from the AA County Bay-Wise program
 - f) Confirmed that planting would most likely occur in April; May still feasible
 - g) When the alternatives are narrowed down to 2-3 viable alternatives, will get prices for the various sizes and present to the Board for their review & decision