

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING  
OF THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE  
FEB.5, 2008

PRESENT

Jane Lange, Grounds Director  
Michaelene Houze  
Mike Guidry  
Carol Guidry  
Bud Anderson  
Jeanne Oliver  
Steve Goodwin  
Frank Lange  
Hal Sheridan  
Frank Bibbins

ABSENT

Barry Benjamin

1. The meeting was called to order by the Grounds Director, Jane Lange
2. There was confirmation of a quorum.
3. Jane introduced the committee members and reviewed their sub-committees.
4. After reviewing the budget, each committee gave a short report relevant to his/her committee.

**POOLS**

1. Michaelene reported that the spa pump has been replaced and the gas leak eliminated. New locks and bars of some sort will be added to the temperature dials of the heaters to prevent tampering. The water temperatures will remain at 101 for the spa and 84 for the SO pool.
2. New No Smoking signs will be installed at each pool. There has always been a no smoking policy at the pools, but since the new signs were made and "NO SMOKING" was deleted from them, the policy has become lax. The policy will be enforced as soon as the new signs are installed.
3. Pools committee will begin to research new pool furniture as the furniture at both pools is wearing out.

**FITNESS CENTER**

1. Jeanne Oliver reported that she is researching an air conditioning maintenance/repair/service contract for the fitness center
2. Did AMI renew the service contract on the equipment? Jeanne will check on it.

**NATURE TRAILS**

1. Frank Bibbins and Hal Sheridan reported on the Nature Trails. They suggest installing Alligator signs at the trail entrances to forewarn walkers/hikers. Frank will research the signs.

2. The committee will also check into getting a bench for each trail for sitting or bird watching.
3. Hal will contact Fahey to reapply fire ant treatment to the trail. They also want to investigate using an ANDRO product on the trails.
4. Frank will talk to Bill Cowdright about a bridge on the Nature Trail.

#### **LANDSCAPE**

1. Steve Goodwin has been walking the property with TLC to become familiar with our grounds and what is needed. He will research different landscaping looks such as at Bonefish and on the Boulevard for new ideas. The landscape Committee is working closely with TLC and reviewing what the CDD plans to reinstall so we can achieve a look of continuity from outside (CDD) to inside (HOA).

#### **PONDS**

1. Bud Anderson announced that as of 4/01/08, Aquatic has raised their monthly cost of maintaining the ponds from \$1851 to \$1941.
2. We will contact Manatee County to see if they are interested in sharing the cost of the bubblers we plan to install in pond #7, a county irrigation pond.

#### **IRRIGATION**

1. The pvc piping of several aquifer pumps has been bumped/cracked by something hitting it (lawnmowers?). Suggest installing some sort of protective barrier to prevent future damage. (gravel/rods)
2. Fuse holders were replaced on the pumps on ponds #13 and #15.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Next monthly Grounds meeting is March 4, 2008.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jane Lange

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Date