

MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING OF THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE

March 3, 2008

PRESENT

Jane Lange, Grounds director
Michaelene Houze
Frank Lange
Hal Sheridan
Frank Bibbins
Meryl Sclater

1. The meeting was called to order by the Grounds Director, Jane Lange
2. Members gave updates regarding the activities of their committees.

POOLS

1. Michaelene reported that shopping for new furniture at both pools continues. Another need is for a long pole with a net for each pool.
2. Cages with locks for the pool and the spa temperature controls have been installed.
3. Gutters are needed for the Seven Oaks fitness building.
4. Some of the pool decking is scratched and slippery. The original installer will be called to repaint damaged areas with non-skid paint. The frog at Charles Town Pool also needs repairs and repainting.
5. Vandalism has been reported at the Seven Oaks Pool. The surveillance camera needs to be upgraded.

PONDS

Jane reported on the information she has received about the ponds.

1. The aquifer pump has been installed in Pond 14. The southernmost fountain on Pond 14 needs to be relocated out of the cove. The Pond 13 fountain will be repaired by Vertex.
2. Stephanie from AMI will arrange a meeting for Bud Anderson with FPL regarding electric power for the installation of bubblers in ponds 7 and 11.

IRRIGATION

1. Frank Lange reported that work on the pump installations should continue: retrofitting and grease packs.
2. Verizon has been contacted about changing over the telephones at the pools to Verizon and combining phone service with FIOS TV in the Fitness Center. This should facilitate a plan to have internet access to the irrigation pumps. Pricing will not be available until April.

LANDSCAPE

1. The CDD will pay for updating some landscaping.
2. Approximately half of the oak trees on the common grounds have been trimmed.

NATURE TRAILS

1. Frank Bibbins and Hal Sheridan reported that TLC is donating a bench which will be placed in the northeast corner of the Pond 14 Nature Trail. They are researching the cost and necessary upkeep of benches that are available at Home Depot. Three more benches will be needed for the two trails.
2. Three signs are needed for the Nature Trails. There will be one at each end of the trail at Pond 14; one at the beginning of the trail at Pond 1. Signs will be similar to the ones used at Myakka State Park.
3. A boardwalk is needed for the trail at Pond 1. The model of the boardwalks built at Myakka will be used and the work will be done by someone hired for the job.
4. Fahey will be requested to use Andro fire ant treatment on the trails.

GENERAL

Frank Bibbins reported that there has been illegal “mudding” (4-wheelers racing on the dirt) on the utility right-of-way to the East of University Place. FPL has installed a gate at the entrance. This gate will now be kept locked.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next monthly Grounds meeting will be April 1, 2008.

Respectfully submitted:

Meryl Sclater
Grounds Secretary

March 9, 2008

