

Landscape Committee Report to BOD Thursday March 26, 2015

The landscape Committee reached out to the Lake Committee chair to discuss 2 reports the Lake Committee received about the lakes. One, from Jerry Ellis of the Lely Community Development District; the other from Aquatic Systems, the vendor who manages our lakes.

After reviewing these reports with the landscape contractor, he was directed not to use heavy grass mowers within 3 feet of the lakes in an effort control any part mowers may have in regards to bank erosion.

Also discussed was expanding the lakes side decorative grass beds that were placed last spring. Landscape Committee is researching options.

Three residents attended a very informative "Florida Friendly Landscaping (FFL) Community Association Workshop" on March 4 sponsored by the Collier County/University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Services (IFAS).

Although not cited as erosion sources in the Aquatic Systems report, the work shop instructor noted that the annual average rainfall of over 55 inches and the direct discharge of rain water from building gutters into the lakes as additional causes of retention pond erosion.

Information from Collier County Extension Services/IFAS about retention pond management was provided to the Lake Committee chair.

The Landscape Committee plans to continue to reach out to the Lakes Committee for joint resolution of challenges faced where landscape meets the retention ponds.

A wild palm growing very close to the pool apron will be removed. The stumps from the 3 Washingtonian Palms will be removed.

Our landscape contractor has been directed to avoid pruning blooming plants until after the current bloom period.

Updating the sprinkler heads closest to the buildings to Hi/Lo's for building 11 to 16 is scheduled to begin shortly.

Spring planting needs review with our landscape contractor will be schedule shortly.

Five landscape related action request were received and addressed since Jan 1.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Kelley and John Ruscito,co-chairs