

Committee Report to the Board

Tomahawk Creek Condos HOA
Landscape Committee

Meeting Details

2024 May 26, 5:15pm, Clubhouse

Attendance List

Pete Beyer
Laura Tedeschi
Dee Dee Knight
Tina Forbes-Seeley
Lilly Chao
Ann Martin

Actions since last report

1. “Trees for Arbor day” event was held; residents were invited to join and plant a seedling tree. Forty-eight (48) seedling trees were planted on the grounds. More will be planted in the fall after these seedlings are evaluated; we have 15 spots marked that could use a tree.
2. New shrubs were planted on two sides of the carport in NW quadrant; these replaced Bradford pear trees. Labor donated by Pete Beyer and Lilly Chao.
3. Fresh annuals were planted all around the pool area and in the big pots, in addition to the round bed by the compactor, beautifying our property. Labor donated by Pete Beyer and Dee Dee Knight.
4. New ground cover was planted in the roundabout in front of the clubhouse. Next, tall grasses will be added. Labor donated by Pete Beyer, Dee Dee Knight and Lilly Chao.

Narrative/Agenda/Issues

5. In Progress: HOA resident planting program (costs split 50/50 between HOA and residents) is organized (by Pete) and turned over to Epic (by

Jami) to collect a bid. We have 6 residents in buildings 02, 04, 05, 25, 26 sharing the cost for planting 27 shrubs total, and committing to watering the new shrubs.*

6. In Progress: FirstService is coordinating soil tests on beds around the complex where we have bushes that have died en-masse. Beds are identified by complaints from residents. This work was sent to K-State by Jami.*
7. Issue: Since last year, the edge of the big pond is growing volunteer trees and bushes, many of which are aggressive and invasive. This wet spring has seen these plants gain strength and new growth. Timely removal will be less expensive than waiting, and will restore a manicured appearance to the pond along 117th St. Pete volunteered to ask Leawood Parks and Recs for a recommendation on how to kill roots without hurting our ecosystem.* Update: Joel is using a root-kill solution and is doing a great job removing volunteer trees and bushes, worked into his current schedule.
8. Leawood Parks and Recs budgeted and planned to plant trees along 117th and the new bridge area this spring. Pete volunteered to follow up to get a status. Update: we have marked the location of 2 maples to be planted by Leawood.

**Initiatives require FirstService*

Formal Motions to the Board

The Landscape committee recommends we first use the landscape budget to maintain and clean up what we have on the property, and with the remaining budget, we not plant new shrubs or ornamentals unless there is a reliable irrigation source (or residents willing to manually water them). In support of these goals, we recommend the following:

1. The Landscape committee recommends we fund and manage the removal of dead trees and their stumps:
 - Bld 7, east ornamental tree
 - Bld 1, east ornamental tree

- Bld 30, west ornamental tree
 - Bld 27, north ornamental tree
 - Bld 21, east ornamental tree
 - Bld 20-21, carport, dead Pear tree (removal only)
 - Bld 28-29, trunk of large Birch is impeding on evergreen tree - trunk needs to be cut away (likely require a commercial co.)
 - NE Quadrant, redbud tree
 - 117th street and Tomahawk, whitebud tree
 - Building 26, across pond on 117th street, whitebud stump must be removed
 - Two large invasive Honeysuckle behind building 26 on rim of pond (need to cut down with kill-root solution applied)
 - Four volunteer trees, East side of the new bridge and along the rock wall (need to cut down with kill-root solution applied)
2. The Landscape committee recommends we fund and manage the removal of dead shrubs, and their root balls, across the property to beautify the property and prepare the beds for future plantings.
 3. The Landscape committee recommends we fund and manage the removal of dead limbs on our current thriving trees. During that effort we recommend the removal of volunteer trees and shrubs taking root under our evergreens/trees.

Respectfully captured and submitted,
Laura Tedeschi, Co-Chair