

MINUTES OF RCA OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2003

1. The meeting was postponed from February 12 at Kevin Tansey's request.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM in the RCA Office.

The following were present:

John Claypool Dave Thomas Sam McCracken, Recorder
Peter Seiffert (RCA Bd) Kevin Tansey (Chair) Rob Schwarting (Ex Dir)

2. The Minutes of the January meeting were approved as submitted.

3. Old Business:

A. Hidden Lake -

1. Dredging -

- a. A contractor has been selected, but he has commitments until April.
- b. Easements will be requested from the owners of the Golf Course to give access to the lake from the west, from the golf course. RCA will assume maintenance of a fence now maintained by the Golf Course in return.
- c. There was a discussion of dredging procedures. The plan is to dredge the west end of the lake while the water is low. It was suggested that dredging one side of the lake relatively deeply will suffice because the natural currents in the lake will redistribute bottom matter from the shallow parts into the deeply dredged part.
- d. The Corps of Engineers has responded to RCA request for dredging, giving approval for dredging as long as the spoil does not wash into a public waterway. That correspondence is made a part of these Minutes by reference.
- e. Disposition of the dredge spoil has not been finally resolved.

2. Erosion control - There was a brief discussion of means of controlling erosion of the banks of the inlet stream and of the banks of the lake.

- a. Placing of rock rip-rap along the stream banks was proposed.
- b. Placing plants which have limited height of growth on the banks of the lake was proposed to stabilize the banks and to conceal any unsightly erosion.

No final decisions on these matters were made.

3. New Pathway - There was a brief discussion of plans for a new section of pathway along the northern side of Hidden Lake.

4. Aeration - Rob Schwarting showed the Committee a nozzle designed to increase circulation in a lake or pond to increase aeration of the water, without spraying the water into the air. There is no present plan to replace the existing spray heads in Lake Oberon with that kind of nozzle.

B. Wild Flower plots project - No action was reported.

C. Pathways - There was a brief discussion about the pathway maintenance. It was noted that roots have heaved the pathways at numerous places. It was also suggested that the brush alongside the pathway be cut back further and that the mowing be wider on each side where possible. The Mowing staff will be so advised.

D. Survey results - The results of the recent survey of Residents will be provided to the several Committees.

4. New Business:

A. New Equipment - RCA Maintenance will be provided with some new items of equipment for 2003, including:

1. A new Holland loader, w/o a backhoe, but with provisions for a backhoe;
2. A dump conversion kit for the truck;
3. A steam pressure washer;
4. A fertilizer spreader, with side discharge;
5. New CB radios;
6. A new filter for the swimming pool pump.

B. Home Improvement program -

1. The one day, overall Home Improvement Fair will not be held in 2003. Potential exhibitors have been advised that the Fair will not be held.
2. Local contractors will be invited to hold a series of seminars instead, each being on a specific home improvement subject, like landscaping, painting, tree selection and planting, roofing, etc. The seminars may be held on different weekends rather all on one weekend, so that the Residents can attend more than one seminar.
3. The seminar on trees will be held on April 26, to allow timely delivery and planting.
4. Peter Seiffert recommended that the seminars be well advertised, to ensure good attendance. He also recommended that an arborist be consulted about selecting and maintaining trees.

C. Natural Environment Strategic Planning report -

1. Vern Mize had submitted the Natural Environment Strategic Planning report to the RCA Office, and each member was provided a copy.
2. There was a brief discussion of the drainage portion.
3. Rob Schwarting will contact both Mr. Hornaday, Town Engineer and Vern Mize, in his capacity as member of the Drainage District, for some clarification of the responsibilities of the Town and those of RCA for maintenance of the drainage facilities in Radisson.
4. Fuller consideration of the Report was deferred until the March meeting to allow Members time to review the report.

5. The meeting was adjourned at about 9:15. The next meeting will be held in the RCA Office at 7:30 PM, March 13, 2003.

Sam McCracken
Recorder