

MINUTES OF RCA OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2002

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM in the RCA Office.

The following were present:

John Claypool
Dave Thomas
Sam McCracken, Recorder
Ned Goetzke, RCA Board
Kevin Tansey, Chair
Robert Schwarting, Executive Director

Ned Goetzke has joined the Committee as the RCA Board Representative. Jim McKay will remain as the Alternate RCA Board Representative.

2. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as submitted.

3. Old Business:

- a. Glacier Ridge Road entry planter - The entrance sign planned for it has not been ordered. Reference to the golf course may be deleted.
- b. Lake water improvements -
 - 1) Hidden Lake - The valve originally installed to drain Hidden Lake has been found, but has not been opened for fear that it may not be closable again due to rust, etc. The level of Hidden Lake will be lowered this fall, using the siphon over the dam already installed. The dam will then be 'core drilled' and another valve installed. The lake level will remain low over the winter to kill the weeds.
 - 2) All lakes & ponds - There was a general discussion of lake and pond maintenance requirements. Annual copper sulfate treatments are the best way to routinely control weeds & algae, but each lake and pond should be dredged about every 15 years. Few contractors want to do that work, and finding one is difficult. Disposal of the dredged spoil requires temporary storage in a drainage basin near the pond to remove the water in order to truck it away for final disposal. Also, dredging requires access to the pond for the equipment, some-times over the lawn of a Resident.
 - 3) Lake and pond aeration -
 - a) Lake Oberon - The plan to move two fountain heads to a more effective location in the lake has not yet been implemented.
 - b) Hidden Lake - Fountain heads & piping are available but the pump has not yet been procured, awaiting provision of power lines for the pump.
- c. Willett Parkway improvements - There was a brief discussion of the lack of roadside reflectors at the intersection of Willett Parkway and Town Center Road. The reflectors were provided for Route 631 only, and none of the standard items are available for Willett Parkway north of the intersection, which is only a Town road.
- d. Wildflower plantings - This project is in abeyance, pending further planning.
- e. Turf fertilizing - The planned fertilizing program is under way. There was a brief discussion of using growth retardant chemicals to reduce the work of mowing around obstacles and other difficult spots.
- f. Late night noise in Kerri Hornaday Park - Turning the lights off at 10 PM weeknights has essentially eliminated the problem.
- g. New leaf vacuum machine - The new equipment has been delivered.
- h. High speed drivers - There was a brief discussion of the 'White Honda' driver. The Police have contacted him, but no charges were made.
- i. R.O.A.D. Committee - Rob Schwarting reported that the Residents R.O.A.D. committee efforts have caused some additional, and unrelated, concerns of Residents to be brought to the attention of the RCA Board and Executive Director, but no specific concerns were discussed.

4. New Business:

- a. Storm water drainage - There was an extensive discussion of the general problem of drainage of storm water.
 - 1) Builders have been contacted by Dan Healy about present problems in their areas. Builders in new areas are now required to conduct more extensive drainage engineering studies of their areas than had been the practice previously.

- 2) The Builder of Center Pointe Apartments, and possibly others, will be contacted to negotiate removal of dirt from the drainage control areas south of Willett Parkway, resulting from failure of their barriers to prevent dirt from their construction activity entering that area, exacerbating current Community drainage problems.
- 3) This led to a brief discussion of how Residents should dispose of water drained from their swimming pools in the fall: in the storm drains or in the sanitary system. No new action items resulted from either discussion.
- b. Center Pointe sign & gazebo - There was a brief discussion of the design of the sign planned for Center Pointe Apartments, and of the earth foundation of the gazebo. No new action item resulted.
 - c. Community roadways - There was a brief discussion of maintenance of the Town roadways in the community. The Town will remove grass growing in cracks in some roadways and seal the cracks with tar. The Town is in the process of replacing some STOP signs which have deteriorated. The Town is considering resurfacing Radburn Drive. No new action items resulted from the discussion.
 - d. Teenage hockey players - There was a brief discussion of players in the Kerri Hornaday Park parking lot missing their shots, and disturbing players in the adjacent tennis court. Installing a short chain link fence as a backstop to avoid that interference was considered, but no Committee action item resulted.
 - e. New Residential areas - There was a brief discussion of the effects on the Maintenance crew work load from additional Common Land areas. It may be necessary to increase the number of staff to cover this. The lamps in the new Residential areas will be of the 'shoebox' design, both to avoid lamplight shining into the windows of homes and because that design is more resistant to vandalism.
 - f. 'Handicapped' parking near Lake Oberon - Kevin Tansey pointed out that handicapped Residents have difficulty attending concerts, and other events, at Lake Oberon, because most live too far from the area for it to be practical for them to come directly by wheelchair or on crutches, and that there is nowhere convenient to park for someone bringing them by auto. After a brief discussion, Rob Schwarting said that he would consider provision of 'handicapped' parking areas near Lake Oberon, and possibly near other areas.
 - g. Wind power turbine - Kevin Tansey suggested that a wind power turbine on RCA property could provide some electric power for RCA, with the cost of it defrayed by grants from the State from involving the local schools as an instructional aid. No action item resulted.
 - h. Community traffic regulations - Speed limits on various roads were briefly discussed, and it was evident that more discussion is required. A special meeting of the Committee will be held at 7:00 PM, Thursday, September 26, in the RCA Office, to consider this matter further.

The meeting adjourned about 9:40 PM. The next regular meeting will be at 7:30 PM, Thursday, October 10, 2002, in the RCA Office.

Sam McCracken
Recorder