

Silver Firs Homeowners Association Phase II
Landscape/Operations Committee Report for July 2004

Motions

Motion:

“The Silver Firs Board of Directors, agrees to add a sentence to the Neighborhood Rules & Guidelines, page 12, Property Maintenance, *Fences*, which reads as follows:

Only with advance written submittal and site-inspection by the Landscape Committee, and followed by written approval from the Landscape Committee to the Lot Owner, Common Areas adjoining a Lot may be cleared of vegetation that could damage the Lot’s perimeter fence, or that may need to be cleared in order to properly maintain the fence. Such clearing will be at the Lot owner’s expense, may take place up to five feet from the fence.”

Reports

Updates

1. The following is my report about the "pit" fire I found in tract 901 on June 16, and the boys that I found feeding it:

Around 5:30pm, I was pulling into my driveway when I noticed a column of smoke coming from tract 901. I drove over to Appletree subdivision, and entered tract 901 from that side. Well into the woods I found a large pit that had been dug, with a small fire in it. 3 boys were present (names omitted from this report) that were feeding the fire with ferns, branches, etc. They claimed that the fire was already going when they got there, but admitted feeding it. They knew it was very wrong, and apologized and claimed "they would never do such a thing again". I had them put out the fire, and told them I'd have to tell their parents what happened. Another homeowner and I went back later in the evening with a bucket of water to make sure the fire was out.

I got the boys' names, and met each back at their homes in the Scarborough subdivision. The parents of two of the boys were home, and I told them what happened. The parents of the third boy called me later that night. A report was sent to CWD for their files.

Additional Note

There has been much vandalism in tract 901. Another homeowner and I surveyed the area that same night, and found multiple big pits dug, with many large trees cut down (the teenage boys that did the cutting were caught in the act and identified—a police report will be submitted). In addition, there has been building (with wood products), littering and graffiti. There are several homeowners that have volunteered their time to help with this and the issues we've uncovered with the area under the powerlines.

I met briefly with Craig Pannell (president of Donegal Park HOA), and we agreed that Donegal Park and Silver Firs can work together to solve these and other problems. We also need to meet with the Appletree HOA to discuss such issues.

Action: Cleanup vandalism in tract 901. Work with volunteer homeowner (discussed with Kate). Need to clear wood products, scatter logs and fill in "bunkers" throughout this area. This work for the approved amount of \$1200 was completed 6/23/04.

2. The downed and cut up trees in tract 908 along Puget Park Drive in Scarborough were cleaned up. The cost was \$1,200 plus tax to remove all debris.

New Items

1. Homeowner brings complaints of increasing levels of noise from motorcycles under the powerlines (tract 907) Actions
 - Committee discussed situation with Donegal Park HOA, who has agreed to put up signs, in partnership with Silver Firs II HOA, to alert homeowners that the use of motorized vehicles is prohibited in the areas under the powerlines. This includes tract 907 of Silver Firs II.
 - Committee has ordered signs to be made and placed in and around tract 907, prohibiting the use of motorized vehicles, dumping and fires.
 - Committee will ask Donegal park to fill in pits dug on their HOA property that are being used as a "motocross" area.

- Committee will monitor situation. If complaints are not resolved, it may be necessary to have volunteers patrol the area. Homeowners are encouraged to inform police if unauthorized activity is observed.
2. Homeowner complaints regarding "campfires" in the area under the powerline by Scarborough. Actions (see #2 and 3 above). In addition, committee to meet with fire station chief to review firefighter access of area.
 3. Homeowner complaint regarding truck utilizing the asphalt path that is directly adjacent to the Scarborough tot lot. As a safety precaution, the committee has ordered a barrier created that would prevent vehicles from using the path to access the area under the power lines.
 4. Homeowner complaint regarding the basketball hoop on the sport court on 148th (Scarborough). One of the hoops is height-adjustable; it needs to be fixed. CWD informed.
 5. Many (dead) trees, mainly large Hemlocks, throughout the Silver Firs II division have been pointed out by homeowners and identified by our arborist as dangerous. The committee reviewed the trees, and many are leaning toward homes. The following is a list of those trees, with cost of cutting them down.
 - cut up fallen tree in tract 605B in Thornbury---leave where cut for now.
This will be done with the other tree removals below - \$ 165 plus tax
 - several "dangerous" trees behind residence (. 6B-27, 6B29 and 6B30) in Canterbury Heights
There are 7 hazardous trees in this area - cost to fall these trees into the green belt - \$ 1425 plus tax.
 - leaning tree in Scarborough behind 9A, 14
The cost to fall this leaning tree and a hazard Alder tree into the green belt the cost - \$ 325 plus tax.
 - There have been several reports of a more "dangerous" trees behind 8C-05 in Vintage
Arborist examined all the trees in this green belt area. There are six trees that will need to be cut down. The cost to fall these trees carefully into the green belt the cost would be - \$1390 plus tax.
 - Homeowner called to report 5 trees in the greenbelt behind his home that scared him in the last windstorm. in 7,16 . Also, neighbor at lot 7, 15 called with the same concerns
There are two big hemlocks and six smaller trees that will need to be cut down. The cost to fall these trees carefully into the green belt the cost would be - \$1140 plus tax.
 - Other:
Total checked out the area in the North area of tract 5025--complaint of many dead branches hanging from trees. Homeowners are concerned that children will get hurt. Total called to check out situation and provide estimate for branch removal if necessary.
There are several dead branches that will need to come down. the access is limited to bring a lift that would make the job easier. We have to have the tree climber to get this done. Looking to do this job with a cap of \$ 800
 - Sidewalk on the south side of the 4700 block of 144th St SE in tract 901, across the power line easement from Hillcrest & Scarborough (Appletree subdivision) The sidewalk is nearly completely overgrown and covered in debris, precluding pedestrians from using it. As this is Silver Firs II HOA property, we need to clear the overgrowth back from the sidewalk.

This work for the approved amount of \$ 750 was completed 6/23/04.

Other tree removal:

1. One Hemlock tree behind home 7 in Div 8C, Address 14422 - 54th Ave SE- The cost to fall would be \$ 600 plus tax. couple small trees \$ 100 plus tax.
 2. One big Hemlock in tract 304, behind lot 38 - The cost \$ 595 plus tax.
 3. One big Dead Hemlock in Tract 5022 at the corner of Silver Firs Drive and Puget park drive. The cost to fall it in sections into the green belt the cost \$ 300 plus tax.
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6. Homeowner (tract 1010) complaint that common area is not being maintained. Committee checked, and this area has never been under maintenance contract, and is not area designated as such. Homeowner will be informed
 7. Entrance signs are in the process of being repainted ("refreshed"). Colors seem to be different; this will be brought up at the July board meeting.
 8. Due to unanticipated expenses from tree removal, Pembridge dam project has been put on hold. CWD to repair torn fence and order new locks for gate.
 9. We had reports of quite a bit of water coming from the Pembridge tot lot on 48th Ave. It was discovered to be a leaking water meter. Silver Firs will not be charged for the water.
 10. Homeowner has requested that Silver Firs II install speed bumps. The homeowner was encouraged to form an Ad hoc committee to explore this idea. The homeowner would need to check with the County to see if it is an area that will allow speed bumps. They do a traffic calming process to determine if speed bumps are ok. They impede emergency vehicles and buses. It generally takes quite a community effort to have the county go through this process.
 11. Hillcrest and Pembridge entrance lights were vandalized on or around July 10, as reported by Peter Truss. Reported to CWD, and repaired.

End report