

Tamarack Trails Amenities Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

In Attendance: Committee Members: Sue Albert, Jean MacCubbin, Izzie Popic, Anne Rohr and Bob Jacobs, Board Liaison. Also present: Sandra Eisemann.

Introductions and Welcome to Sandra Eisemann as a new member to Amenities. Sandra returned to Madison in January and lives at 83 Oak Creek. Sandra previously lived in Madison for over 40 years during which she raised her family and earned her RN and PhD.

Amenities' 9-21-2021 Minutes accepted by acclamation.

2022 Budget Update: Total budget is \$5000. Major project is refresh of first floor locker rooms. New showerheads, replacement faucets and other bathroom accessories plus some of the needed LED lighting purchased in 2021 for this project.

Locker Rooms Refresh Update & Discussion of Other 2022 Projects: TT staff have started painting the woman's locker room with the color selected by Amenities. Remaining needed replacement lighting and accessories need to be purchased. Amenities chair will work with TT staff to complete this based on listed of items previously created by Amenities. Chair made request to Jean Hilgers to purchase 3 table umbrellas for pool area. Suggestion made to have fixed soap dispensers in both shower areas. Chair will explore options for committee consideration.

Purchase of squeegee and broom for tennis/pickleball courts. Recommended that squeegee be push not pull style. Chair will coordinate purchase of these items with Jean Hilgers.

Discussion of other 2022 Projects deferred until completion of Locker Rooms refresh.

Additional Items: Amenities was informed that a portable pickleball net was donated to Tamarack. Chair will contact TT pickleball group to learn plans for use of this additional net.

Suggestion of shade feature for clubhouse upper deck discussed. Options discussed included umbrellas and/or a retractable shade. Amenities aware that any fixed/retractable option would require approval of the Architectural Review Board (ARB). Committee believes that shade options would encourage use of upper deck especially during pool season. Committee with explore options for further discussion at next meeting.

Resident Art Display Discussion: There are three possible residents that are interested in showing their art in the Lower Level Meeting Room. Goal is the have next display start May 1st. Arrangement of new show postponed due to continued COVID restrictions which have now eased.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 17th 10:30am

Submitted by Izzie Popic 3/25/2022

Tamarack Trails Community Association
Architectural Review Board Minutes
March 9, 2022—4 pm ZOOM

1. Confirm Quorum and Introductions
C. Finet, P. Maddox, B. Hughes, E. Siegel, J. MacCubbin, I. Popic, D. Larson (Association Manager), Bob Jacobs (Board Liaison), Resident: T. Rapa.
2. Additions to the Agenda (none)
3. Approval of Minutes of February 9, 2022.
Amendments to Minutes: include ARB members overseeing Owners' Approved Projects: P. Maddox will oversee 7426 Cedar Creek (Oaks') deck revision. E. Siegel to oversee 54 Millstone (Nagels') patio to deck. J. MacCubbin to oversee 7441 Tree Lane (Chrittons') exterior lights replacement. Approved as amended.
4. Resident Requests

84 Oak Creek —Tom & Sue Rapa—New kitchen exhaust vent installed; old roof vent removed, roof repaired—Forms, plans, and photos have been submitted, neighbors have no objections. **Motion** (MacCubbin, Hughes): The ARB approves the change of location of the kitchen exhaust vent from the roof to the lower back wall, including removal of the current vent and restoration of the roof location. The work will be done by Tilson Roofing, contractor is Dream Kitchens. **PASSED.**

Also 84 Oak Creek—Request to remove chimney, verifying there are no structurally needed vents. **Motion** (Siegel, Popic): The ARB approves removal of chimney, including repair and restoration of the altered roof location. Work to be done by Tilson Roofing, Dream Kitchens is contractor. Tamarack Maintenance Manager (and crew) should observe this project. **APPROVED**

7328 Cedar Creek—John & Julie McLaren—Request to build a sunroom on back of unit. Reply: It is the consensus of the ARB that the question of a sunroom as requested is not feasible per policy IV-401 (lot density).

Also 7328 Cedar Creek— Request to install an egress window in unit. Concerns are of location (front/rear?), water table related to the swale and drainage into or from the unit. The water concerns can be further evaluated by examining the info from construction of the swale (D. Larson will locate info). This item was moved to the April agenda; more information is needed.

5. Chair's Report—The ARB forms 1 and 2 for requesting Exterior Alterations/New Construction are ready for use by owners. These checklists will streamline the process of submitting requests. Forms will be available as a PDF from the Tamarack website. The Excel worksheet for Lot Density must be included when submitting a proposed project.

6. Ongoing Business (BoS sub-committee)
 - i. Responsibility chart for all owners, matching tasks with policy citation
 - ii. Memo to Board on BoS and Schedule for presentation of documents
 - iii. IV-401 Policy on Density Calculation—draft
 - iv. Density Calculation form in Excel for owners and staff use
 - v. Forms 1 and 2 for construction requests /expedited requests are ready for use.

Discussion of these items—A Memo will be sent to Board members explaining the process used in reviewing Policies in BoS, time needed and diligence to review old policies, citing policies and their specific references on the Responsibility chart. Items to be included in Density calculations, standard square feet for certain items.

Jean MacCubbin is editing some forms and will send revisions to Chair to forward to ARB members. Policies will be sent to committee chairs by Bob Jacobs and Larry White.

7. Old Business.
 - a) Reports on completion of approved projects; updates on in-progress projects.
 - 54 Millstone—after review by Maintenance, decision to replace concrete patio with wood structure/Azek flooring deck, was confirmed.
 - 7441 Tree Lane—no action yet on change of exterior light fixtures.
 - b) Reports / Complaints received relative to ARB functions/ policies. (None)

8. New Business
Informing Owners of New forms via "The Good Life," current status of BoS: **C. Finet** will write an article about the new forms, Deadline to submit articles is **Monday, March 21**.

9. Adjourned at 5:55PM (Hughes, Maddox)

CALENDAR of Upcoming Meetings

April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, Sept 14, October 12, November 9,
No December mtg.

**TAMARACK TRAILS
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022**

In Attendance: Committee Members: In Person: Tom Ferris, George Jesien, George Meyer, Bill Probst; Jane Vaske; Via ZOOM: Deni Tucker. Property Manager: Daryl Larson. Board Liaison: Larry White. Investment Fund Manager: Mark Consigny. Guests: Janet Hirsch.

1. Investment Fund Report: Mark Consigny is our interim portfolio manager, replacing Jan Cliff who resigned recently. Mark provided an overview of the status of the stock market as well as an overview of Tamarack's portfolio. Mark presented us with a table showing S&P 500 intra-year declines versus annual returns for the last 32 years. According to the table, while there have been sizable drawdowns in many years, 23 out of 32 years ended with positive returns. So far in 2022, year-to-date returns are down 7% and drawdowns are down 10%.

Mark discussed the action announced that morning by the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates for the first time since 2018 and the likelihood of 6 more raises in 2022. According to Mark, the bond market is already priced based on expected future federal interest rate increases. Bonds are down this year due to uncertainty as a result of the fear for high raises in interest rates. However, yesterday's increase was nowhere near as high as expected.

US Bank still maintains a balanced outlook for US equities while acknowledging that the path ahead could diverge from recent trends due to continued ramping inflation offset by rising corporate earnings, and low interest rates; elevated valuations, and monetary and fiscal policy, continued Covid uncertainty, and labor shortages. Mark expected things to be temporary, however, as we get back into positive growth.

Regarding Tamarack's portfolio, Mark didn't suggest any changes and supported a continuation of the investment objectives of 2/3 equity and 1/3 bonds. The balance in the investment account as of closing on Tuesday, March 15th was \$549,291, a decrease of \$71,442 from our December 31, 2021, balance.

Daryl has a hard copy of Mark's report in the office.

2. ^{February} January Meeting Minutes Approval: The minutes were approved as written.

3. December 2021 Financial Report Review: There is a correction to the report of \$1,055 for an invoice from Bruce Company for work done in 2021. This correction is not reflected in the monthly report distributed but has been made on Tamarack's accounting records. Daryl responded to a number of questions related to the December 2021 monthly report. Daryl's response is attached to these minutes. Daryl's response included his recommendation for what we should do with excess 2021 operating earnings. This is discussed under item #4.

Based on the unaudited December 2021 Financial Report, the estimated Reserve Fund Balance was \$661,485. The balance consists of the US Bank investment balance of \$620,733 and cash and other net investments estimated as \$40,752. Related to the reserve fund, based on a starting point and growth rate recommended by Reserve Advisors as part of its 2019 reserve study, we estimate a minimum balance at

the end of each year. According to the 30-year spreadsheet used to develop the 2022 reserve budget, the minimum reserve balance as of December 31, 2021, should have been \$525,300. As of December 31, 2022, the minimum reserve balance should be \$538,400.

Review January 2022 Financial Report

The only comments relate to the budget amounts. The actual income statements reflect depreciation expense, and no capital equipment purchases which are reflected on the balance sheet. For the last couple of years, the budgets don't reflect depreciation, but do reflect capital equipment purchases. The January financial report includes Depreciation in the budget amounts so that we don't have a balanced budget.

To make the budget and the monthly report actuals consistent, we should look at this issue during the 2023 budget and consider going back to including depreciation in the budget, but not capital equipment as was done previously. We will check with Wegner to get their opinion.

Based on the unaudited January 2022 Financial Report, the estimated Reserve Fund Balance was \$650,081. The balance consists of the US Bank investment balance of \$585,692 and cash and other net investments estimated as \$65,389. We will relook at the reserve fund balance at our April meeting.

4. 2021 Excess Funds

Daryl reported that we have a remaining unaudited surplus of \$75,016 in our operating account, as of December 31, 2021. We have \$5,800 from the reserve that we will need to utilize from the surplus in 2021 for Affordable Concrete on remaining projects that were not completed by them in 2021. Also, \$3,500 from reserve is also to be used from the surplus for a video of the underground water mains on Tree Lane for future use. All other phases were completed in 2017. That leaves us with a remaining balance of \$65,716.00 for 2021 unaudited. With many obstacles upon us right now, such as the Russian invasion of Ukraine, gas & oil inflation, vendor price inflations, etc. in 2022 as well as (1) the current trend in our US Bank investments, (2) our current Maple Leaf landscape contract dispute, and, (3) since the surplus amounts are unaudited, it was proposed that we should not invest any of the remaining 2021 surplus into the investment fund until a later date. Rather, we should put the money in our contingency fund at least until we see how everything unfolds in the nation and in our market. **Action Item: The FC recommends to the Board that any excess 2021 operating funds be placed in the contingency fund until all of the current uncertainties are sorted out and our 2021 audit is completed.**

5. Correction of 2021 Assessment Distribution Between Operations and Reserves

Reserve assessments per the final approved 2021 budget were \$365,981 and reserve assessments per the 30-year reserve spreadsheet we use to develop the reserve budget were \$413,502, or a difference of \$47,521. The result is that the 2021 budget and actual assessment amounts were overstated for the operating fund and understated for the reserve fund. In researching if the Board had ever approved this change, it was determined that the Finance Committee never made a recommendation and, therefore, the Board never approved the change. Notes from 2021 Finance Committee budget meetings stated the following:

“Because we did not correctly follow the 2021 projected reserve expenditures contained in the Long-Range Budget, we did not correctly calculate the assessment income for Operations and

Reserves. There should have been \$47,521 more in the Reserve assessment income amount and that same amount deducted from the Operations assessment income amount. The bottom line is the same, but the numbers should be corrected. We asked our auditors, Wegner CPAs, if we could make a correction as long as the Board approved such a change. Wegner responded that we are permitted to make the change as long as the Board approves.” This correction was included in the 2022 budget. If the Board approves a correction, we intend to ask Wegner as to the best way to make any correction.

Action Item: To be consistent with the 30-year reserve spreadsheet we use to develop the reserve budget and the final approved 2022 reserve budget, the FC recommends that the Board approve a correction to 2021 assessments transferring funds from the Operating Fund to the Reserve Fund.

6. Report on Most Recent Board Meeting (items impacting Finance Committee)

It was reported that all committee chairs are now receiving copies of the drafts of Board meeting minutes. The only Board item impacting the Finance Committee was the approval of the contract with Poblacki Paving for 2022 asphalt work in the amount of \$125,750. The 2022 reserve asphalt budget was for \$122,000.

7. Other

- a. The 2021 audit starts on March 28th. Daryl, George Meyer, and Tom are planning to meet with auditors the first morning to discuss some preliminary questions we have that we would like Wegner to address during its audit, including the capital equipment/depreciation budget issue and the assessment correction.
- b. Daryl will ask our insurance agent, James VanBuskirk of M-3, if he can attend our April meeting to discuss property insurance premium concerns and the 2023 insurance renewal. Afterwards, the TTFC will discuss the need to set up a small work group to explore insurance options in advance of the 2023 budget development and insurance renewal dates.

Next Meeting: April 20th @ 4pm.

TJF: 3/16/22

Tamarack Garden Committee Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2022

Members Present: John Allen, Lee Despain, Carolyn Klotz, Jean Allen (chair)
Paul Skidmore (BOD Liaison), Nancy Korda. Member not Present: Bob Terrell
Visitor: Janet Hirsch

Members and guests were introduced. The committee first addressed several concerns submitted by Tamarack residents. Relative to fencing in the entire garden: this is not feasible as gardeners may have already purchased fencing for this year, and that gardeners prefer to mark their own area. Relative to the small butterfly garden: the committee agreed that the butterfly area should be preserved over other plantings. Relative to painting the garden shed: Jean Allen will submit a maintenance request for this to be done. Relative to no till plots: it was reaffirmed that no till plots are grouped together. Relative to what can the committee do to encourage more Tamarack residents to garden: the committee will hold an open house on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 from 2:00-4:00pm at the gardens to help residents become more acquainted with the benefits of gardening.

The committee reviewed the more recent expense reports and discussed that for the past two years the committee has paid larger sums for repairs to broken meter valves. This issue is being monitored by the office so that this does not happen again.

There will be no fee increase for 2022. ~~In addition to~~ The garden application already offers small plots but the form will now include 10X10 both tilled and notill. will offer smaller plots to. This may encourage more residents to garden. When the ground is is thawed enough, tilling and the water hookup will occur.

There was no further action taken on reel in hoses. The committee felt that the majority of gardeners are OK with the current situation. The committee, given that sufficient funds remain this spring, will purchase two more new hoses for this year. Jean Allen and John Allen will research the benefits of lightweight vs heavy weight hoses.

The Garden Policies were reviewed and updated to include the use of wood chips. The garden policies will be given to all residents along with the 2022 Garden Application.

The fall committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 29th. this meeting will be held before the annual potluck.

Tamarack Trails Community Services Association
MAINTENANCE, SAFETY, AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES (To be approved)

March 8, 2022, 4:00 PM

Tamarack Clubhouse and Zoom

MC Members participating

Charlie Elson, Sharon Genthe, Eileen Kramer, Jayne Meyer (Chair), David Reed, Jim Waeffler, Chris Harper, Janet Hirsch (Board Liaison)

Also joining: Daryl Larson (Property Manager), Gene Moeller (Maintenance Supervisor) , Angie Swan (Landscape Supervisor) Judy Bluel, Paul Skidmore

- I. Call to Order at 4 PM by Jayne
- II. Approve minutes of Feb. 8, 2022 meeting. Moved and seconded that submitted minutes be approved. PASSED
- III. Parking Lot review (See updates to MC Parking Lot provided separately with the distribution of with these minutes.)

IV. Community Correspondence/Concerns

Item VII.A. on agenda moved up. Homeowner requested replacement of split rail fence. Angie explained that fence is at some distance from the home and does not appear or function similarly to the white fences standard at Tamarack homes, and ****.

Moved by Eileen that the MC recommend that the fence not be replaced pending approval of homeowner and ARB. Second by Jim. PASSED

V. Manager's Report — Daryl Larson

(Written report attached)

Additional discussion:

- Daryl — Issues with Maple Leaf have been referred to counsel.
- Jayne noted some conditions of concern in the area on Cedar Creek where Poblocki will be working. Jayne requested that Daryl and Gene monitor the work so that those issues will be addressed properly.
- Jayne noted there was damage to main bio-swale following the recent heavy rainfall. Daryl communicated damage (including photos) to Jeff Miller at DJ Frank and will report response.
- Paul shared that snow plowing practices at Wexford may cause problems for Tamarack with chemicals and other waste.

A. Status of maintenance and landscape requests — not discussed.

B. Landscape Supervisor Report — Angie reported that property cleanup has yielded a lot of pet waste. (Daryl noted that letters to property owners have been sent.) Other on-going landscape work includes pruning, tipping hydrangeas, cleaning drains, and prepping landscape where painting will be done soon. Landscape crew is still short-staffed.

C. Maintenance Supervisor Report — Gene reported that trim is being replaced on Oak Creek where painting will be done this year. Working on women's bathroom at clubhouse. April 1, Mitch will start preparing pool for season. Gene has list of about 8 chimneys that need work. Three decks have been completed.

D. Report Relevant Board Action — Janet reported that the BOD approved Poblocki proposal and NGT Charter. BOD is considering whether there could be some monetary assistance from the City for work that Tamarack is doing to manage stormwater.

VI. Old Business

A. Maple Leaf contract — discussed earlier under Manager's Report

B. Drainage proposals — Angie presented a list of properties that have drainage problems and proposals for work to correct for three properties. Jim moved and David seconded that for 7 Red Maple the DJ Frank proposal for \$9,395.; for 7367 Tree Lane the DJ Frank proposal of \$12,647; and for 9 Hemlock the Bruce proposal of \$3459.70 be accepted by the MC for recommendation to the BOD. PASSED

C. Rock Wall proposals — Angie presented a list of properties with rock walls that need repair and proposals to perform the work for three properties. Sharon moved and Jim seconded that at 25 Sugar Maple the Bruce proposal of \$4179.72; at 7307 Cedar Creek the Bruce proposal of not to exceed \$16,368.; and 19 Mountain Ash the DJ Frank proposal of \$19,340.03 be accepted by the MC for recommendation to the BOD. PASSED. It was noted that the Ziegler bids were not considered because the work proposed was not adequate. Also, Angie explained that some of the rock wall work addresses drainage problems.

D. Discussion of alternate deck materials — Gene described Azek deck material as PVC, lighter in weight than composite, and less likely to warp due to moisture absorption. Deck work will continue using Azek.

E. Discussion of City Greenway survey — Jayne observed that Tamarack and homeowners are taking care of some property that is now identified as City owned property. It is possible that in future City may require this to stop.

F. Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack — Jim reported that NGT has two new at-large members, and that there is still an opening for one more. The 2022 No Mow May proposal was reviewed by the MC. The 2022 project will have four test areas vs the one site in 2021. Eileen moved and Charlie seconded that the proposal be accepted by the MC. PASSED. Janet will bring to BOD for their review.

G. Continuous Policy Discussion — Jayne reported that the BOD is reviewing Tamarack policies for updating, and that MC members should review MC related policies in order to provide input to the BOD.

VII. New Business

A. 12 Blue Spruce Requesting Fence Replacement — this item was discussed earlier under Community Correspondence

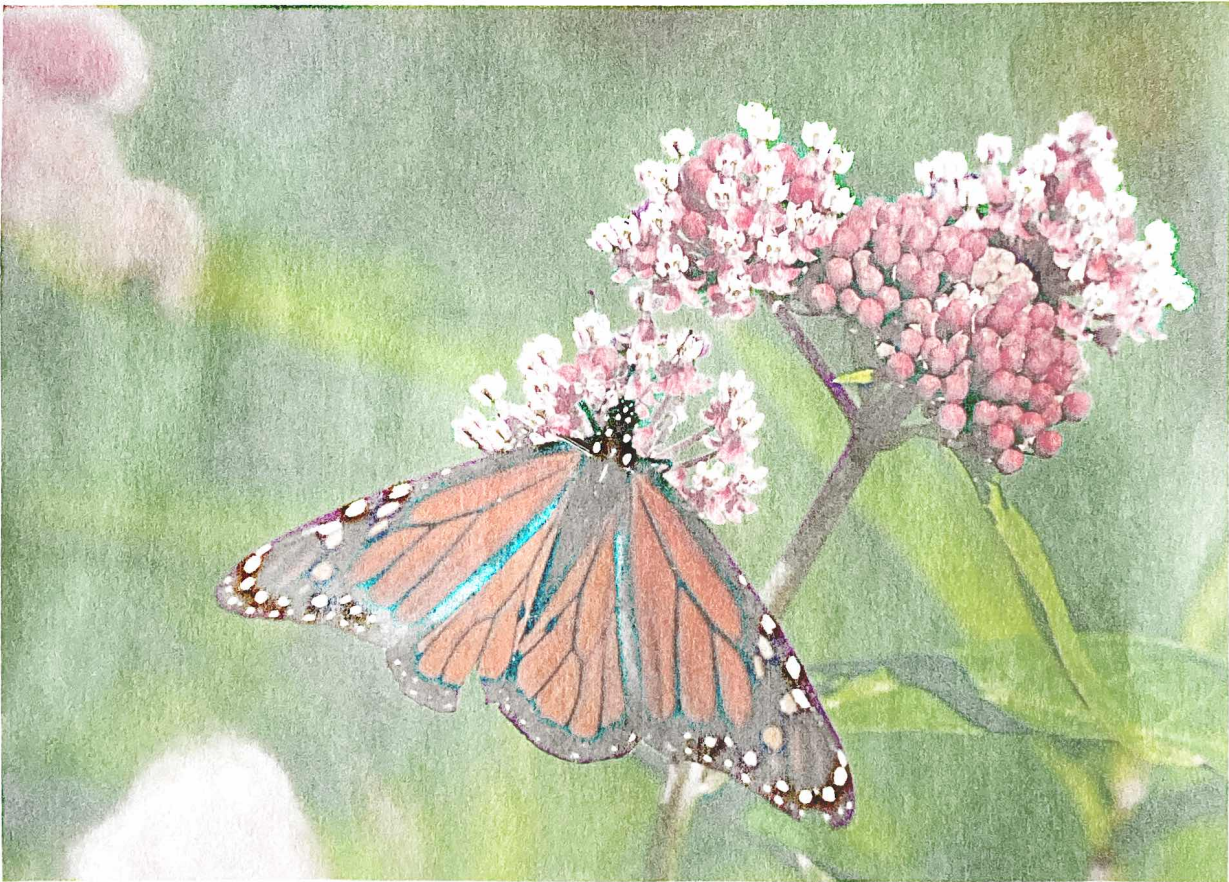
VIII. Adjournment — at 5:55 PM David moved and Sharon seconded that MC meeting be adjourned. PASSED. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 4 pm.

Submitted by : Eileen Kramer

Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack

**2022 NO MOW MAY
PROPOSAL
TO THE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

3/3/22



Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack
2022 NO MOW MAY PROPOSAL
Rev 3/3/22

PROJECT NAME

- 2022 No Mow May

DESCRIPTION

Forgo mowing the following areas for the month of May 2022:

NMM site #1: 38-46 Oak Creek Trail adjacent to the Conservancy

- This area is behind 38 (Jesien), 40 (Selna), 42 (Shaw), 44 (Waeffler/Maddox), 46 (Sweeney).
- It was part of the 2021 demonstration project and has been slightly expanded for 2022.
- It is adjacent to the Sauk Creek Conservancy to the West and includes the lawns immediately behind these condos.
- It is directly viewable from 48 (Koska) Oak Creek Trl

NMM site #2: 7404-7412 Cedar Creek adjacent to the Conservancy and the main swale

- This area is behind 7404 (Shaw), 7406 (Shore), 7408 (Mabra/Wai), 7410 (Renschler), and 7412 (Korda/Medaris) Cedar Creek.
- It includes the lawns immediately behind these condos.
- It is adjacent to the Sauk Creek Conservancy and to the lower end of the main swale.
- It is directly viewable from 7414 (Harvey/Stevens) Cedar Creek, 66 Oak Creek (Zinder), and 68 Oak Creek (Devine)

NMM site #3: 90-92 Oak Creek Trail near the main swale

- This area is behind 90 (Jacobs) and 92 (Genthe) Oak Creek Trl.
- It faces onto the upper end of the main swale.
- It is directly viewable from Westfield Avenue and the Club House parking lot.

NMM site #4: 29 Mountain Ash on Tree Lane

- This area is on Tree Lane adjacent to 29 (Harder) Mountain Ash.
- It is directly viewable from across Tree Lane from 2 (Edman) and 22 (Miller) Pin Oak.

All owners referenced above have confirmed their support for and participation in the 2022 No Mow May project.

All sites will be marked off using a combination of flags and paint markers. And will be posted with No Mow May educational signs. Tamarack staff, led by Angie Swan our Landscape Supervisor, will coordinate temporary mowing changes with Maple Leaf.

See location overview map and site diagrams (*Attachment #1*).

OBJECTIVES

- Expand the 2021 NMM demonstration project to additional sites providing a greater diversity of ecological settings and Tamarack locations.
- Provide increased accessibility to and visibility of NMM areas to promote resident engagement and feedback.

2022 NGT No Mow May Proposal

- Determine resident acceptance of the NMM concept and their support for expanding NMM to additional Tamarack areas in the coming years.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

- Approximately May 1 – May 31 2022 depending on Maple Leaf's schedule.

COSTS

- There will be no project costs billed to Tamarack. NMM signage will be similar to last year's signage. Cost of signage will be donated by residents who wish to remain anonymous.
- There will be no tangible cost savings for Tamarack from reduced mowing and pesticide use: Our contract with Maple Leaf is a fixed-price contract.

BENEFITS

- Improved early spring food sources and shelter for pollinators.
- Reduced emissions and noise from Maple Leaf mowers at NMM sites.
- Reduced pesticide use at NMM sites: elimination of the early spring lawn treatment using Dimension (dithiopyr) a pre-emergent herbicide.

RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT

- We have consulted with owners of adjacent and nearby condos and they have given their consent for the project.
- We will schedule in-person on-site visit opportunities for residents to one or more NMM sites in late May.

RESIDENT COMMUNICATION

- Community informational zoom meeting March 2, 3; April Good Life article; May email blast with questionnaire and information about site visit opportunities; scheduled and unscheduled site visits. May Good Life article.

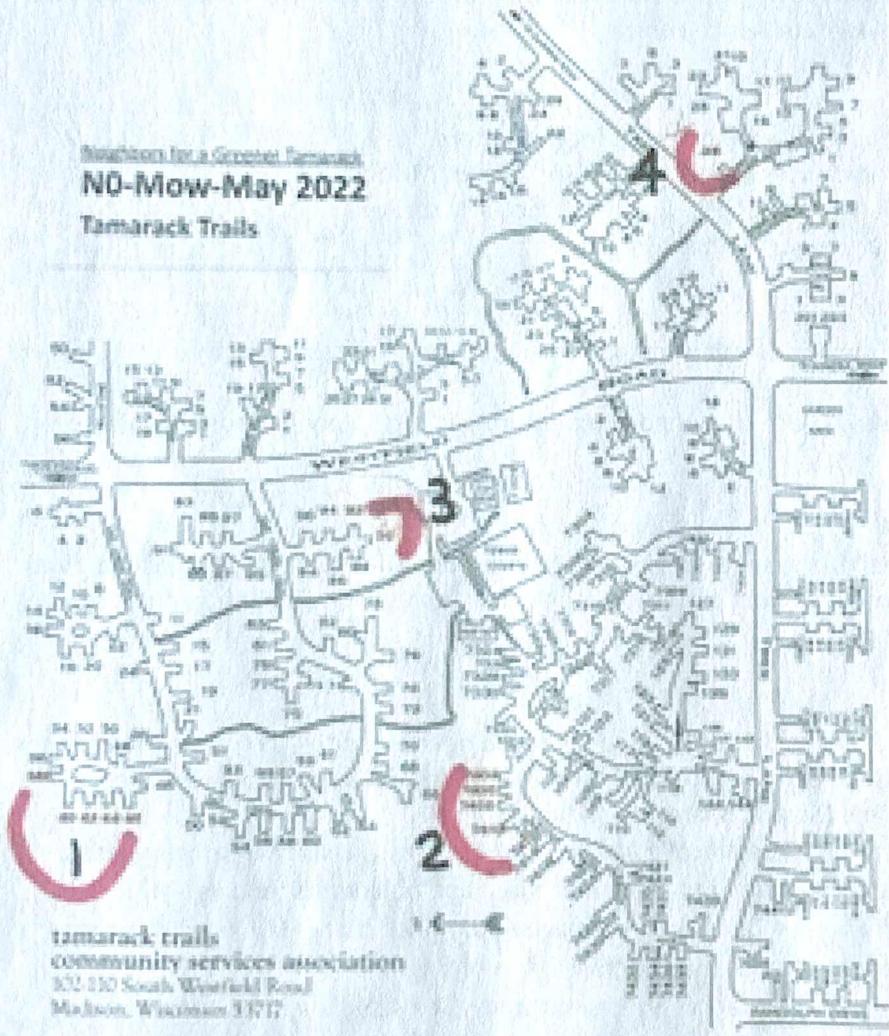
PROJECT EVALUATION

- *Resident feedback.* Invite feedback from residents living in nearby condos, as well as others in the community who have visited one or more NMM sites, in the form of a questionnaire. Report questionnaire results to the MC and Board. (*See Attachment #2*).
- *Pollinator and wildflower measurement.* We have researched ways in which we might measure results in terms of the number of flowers (pollinator food) and pollinators found at NMM sites compared to the mowed areas of Tamarack. We have determined that NGT has neither the expertise nor resources needed to do meaningful studies of this kind. Instead, we are submitting the abstract of a research study (*See Attachment #3*) completed by Professor Israel Del Toro of Lawrence University summarizing the results of the 2020 NMM project in Appleton, Wisconsin.
- *Comparison of grass heights.* We will take photos before and at the end of May to compare the height of grasses at mowed and unmowed sites (*See Attachment #4*).

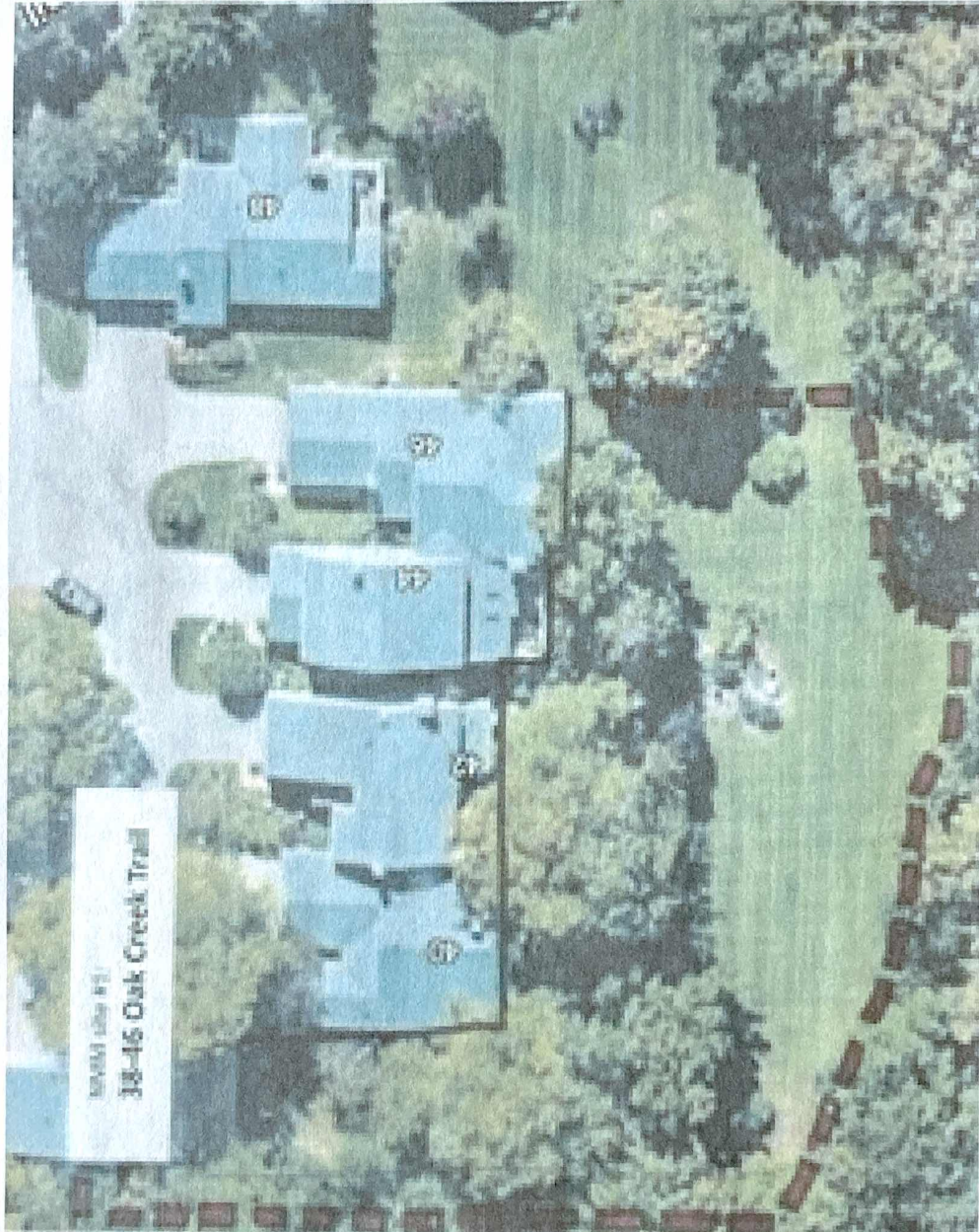
ATTACHMENT #1 – Location overview map and site diagrams

Please note that final site boundaries may vary slightly from those shown in the following diagrams if needed to allow for Maple Leaf mower access.

Overview Map



SITE #1: 38-46 Oak Creek Trail



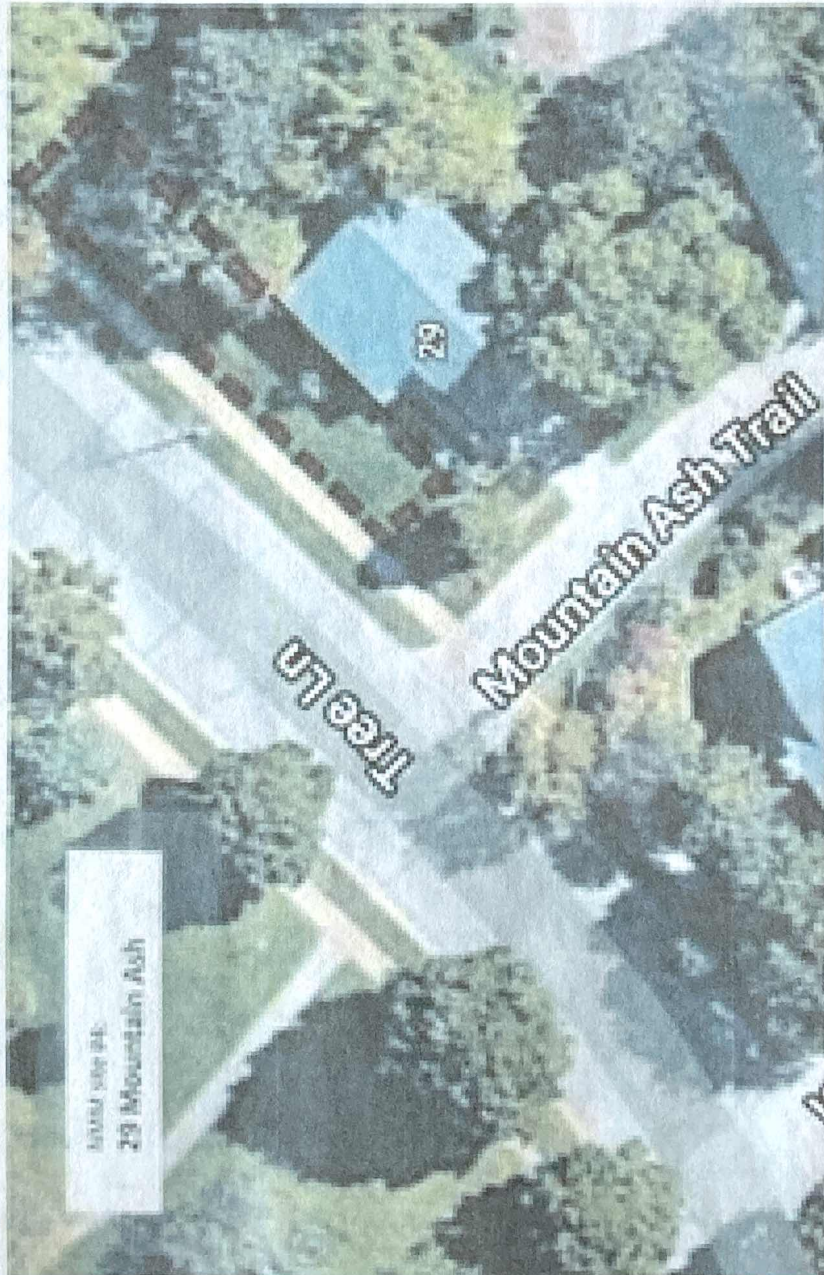
SITE #2: 7404-7412 Cedar Creek



SITE #3: 90-92 Oak Creek Trail



Site #4: 29 Mountain Ash



ATTACHMENT #2 – Resident questionnaire (font reduced to fit this page)

Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack
2022 NO-MOW-MAY RESIDENT QUESTIONNAIRE
Revised 2/28/22

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE TAMARACK OFFICE BY **JUNE 3rd**
Your comments will help Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack, the Maintenance Committee, and the Tamarack Board evaluate this pilot project for possible future projects. Thank you for your time and your comments.

The 2022 No-Mow-May trial areas are located behind or adjacent to the following areas. **Please check “Yes” next to any of the sites you have visited:**

- Yes: 29 Mt Ash on Tree Lane (borders the south side of the street)
- Yes: 7404-06-08-10-12 Cedar Creek (borders the Greenway and main swale)
- Yes: 90-92 Oak Creek (faces the upper end of the main swale and CH parking lot)
- Yes: 38-46 Oak Creek (borders the Greenway)

Name (opt): _____ Date: _____

Address or trail (opt): _____

- 1) Can you see any of the No-Mow-May trial areas from your condo? Yes No
- 2) Have you participated in a guided visit to any of the No-Mow-May trial areas? Yes No
- 3) Have you visited any of the No-Mow-May trial areas on your own? Yes Yes, more than once No
- 4) Do you understand the goals of the No-Mow-May pilot project? Yes No
- 5) Would you like someone to contact you with more information about the No-Mow-May pilot project or the work of Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack? Yes No
- 6) Would you support the limited adoption of No-Mow-May next year (2023) on common land elsewhere in Tamarack? Yes No
- 7) Would you support the limited adoption of No-Mow-May next year (2023) on common land adjacent to your condo? Yes No
- 8) Overall, I **support** the adoption of No-Mow-May on Tamarack common land because:

- 9) Overall, I **oppose** the adoption of No-Mow-May on Tamarack common land because:

- 10) Do you have concerns about the amount of pesticide use on your trail? Yes No
- 11) Would you support additional reduction of pesticide use in suitable areas, if they are monitored for weeds?
 Yes No
- 12) Do you have any other questions or comments?

(Feel free to add comments on the back of this page.)

ATTACHMENT #3 – Supporting research on pollinator and wildflower measurement

NIH/NCBTI (National Center for Biotechnology Information)
September 22, 2020

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PMID: 33024642

No Mow May lawns have higher pollinator richness and abundances: An engaged community provides floral resources for pollinators

Israel Del Toro, Lawrence University, corresponding author¹ and Relena R. Ribbons²
Academic Editor: Brock Harpur

Abstract

No Mow May is a community science initiative popularized in recent years that encourages property owners to limit their lawn mowing practices during the month of May. The goal of No Mow May is to provide early season foraging resources for pollinators that emerge in the spring, especially in urban landscapes when few floral resources are available.

We worked with the city council of **Appleton, Wisconsin, USA**. to allow No Mow May to take place in May 2020. **Four hundred and thirty-five property owners** registered for No Mow May in Appleton. We measured floral and bee richness and abundance in the yards of a subset of homes (N = 20) located near regularly mowed urban parks (N = 15) at the end of the month.

We found that homes that participated in No Mow May had more diverse and abundant flora than regularly mowed green spaces throughout the city. No Mow May homes had three times higher bee richness and five times higher bee abundances than frequently mowed greenspaces.

Using generalized linear models, we found that the best predictor of bee richness was the size of the designated unmowed area, and the best predictors of bee abundances were the size of the unmowed area as well as floral richness. While our findings cannot conclusively attribute increases in bee abundances and richness to the No Mow May efforts, our data does show that bee pollinators make use of no mow spaces as key floral resources during early spring in the upper midwestern United States.

A post-No Mow May survey revealed that the participants were keen to increase native floral resources in their yards, increase native bee nesting habitat, reduce mowing intensities, and limit herbicide, pesticide, and fertilizer applications to their lawns. The No Mow May initiative educated an engaged community on best practices to improve the conservation of urban pollinators in future years.

Keywords: Urban biodiversity, Native bees, Lawn management, Bee biodiversity, Citizen science, Urban ecology

ATTACHMENT #4 - Comparison of grass heights

Resident feedback in 2021 included the following: "When grass is finally mowed, cut grass will smother grass underneath." This resident alerted us to a possible problem.

Objective

By taking photos, we will compare the grass heights on No-Mow-May sites with the grass heights of lawns that Maple Leaf mows to see if they are markedly different. (The photos may also show differences in the presence of wildflowers, although that is not the main objective here since the photos themselves will not allow actual measurement of differences as was done as part of Prof Del Toro's 2020 research in Appleton, attachment #3 above.)

Use of photography

Photographs will document whether and how much longer the grass grows in this one-month time period, and the photographs on the last day of May, when the grass is finally cut, will show if the newly cut grass might smother the grass underneath.

Photography is a simple and graphic way to record these measurements.

Measurement method

An NGT volunteer will hold a ruler beside the grass while another NGT volunteer photographs close-up of the grass being measured. This will be scheduled for the first week and the final week of May at each No-Mow-May site. A similar measurement of grass with a ruler will be photographed on the same day on lawn that is regularly mowed by Maple Leaf.

On the day that Maple Leaf mows the No-Mow-May areas, additional closeup photos will be taken at each NMM site focusing on any accumulations or piles of long cut grass that are left by Maple Leaf.

The NGT volunteers will also take notes of the locations, the measurements and any observations about the site.

Minutes for Tamarack Trails Residents Activity Committee

Date: March 9, 2022

Chairman: Georgiana Koska

Treasurer: Janice Gratch

Secretary: Lynn Clemens

Members Present: Georgiana Koska, Janice Gratch, Lynn Clemens, Mary Sue Foreman, Diane Jungblut, Betty Jean Grafton, Lynn Waishwell, Rise Futterer, James Steinbach (Board Liaison)

Meeting called to Order: 5:00 PM

Motion to Approve the Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rise and seconded by Mary Sue.

Agenda Items Discussed:

I. Procedural Issues

A. How to turn in receipts

1. Turn a copy of your receipt into Jean and include your name, address and phone number.
2. Give a copy to Janice as well.

B. Updated list of RAC members –

1. Georgianna brought a list of members to the meeting and we updated our contact information.
2. A copy will be provided to all RAC members.

II. Suggestion for Additional Events

A. Shred Fest

1. It was suggested that the RAC sponsor a “shred fest” where residents could bring their papers that need to be shredded.
2. It was agreed that, since the RAC is focused on social events, this would be more appropriately handled by the office.

B. Recycling of Styrofoam

1. Lynn said that she would collect styrofoam and take it to the center which recycles it.
2. It was agreed that this should be handled through the office.

III. RAC Events for 2022

A. *Earth Day*

1. Janet Hirsch will be in charge of Earth Day again this year.

2. The RAC will provide water and snacks.
3. We will work on the wooded area behind the pool as well as the wooded area on Tree Lane where we worked last year.

B. Wildflower Walk

1. Jim, Pat, and Wayne have agreed to be guides for the walk again this year.
2. The event will be held on May 12th at 10 AM. The rain date will be May 13th.
3. Georgianna will put an article in April and May issues of The Good Life. She has also designed a poster which she will post on the bulletin board and by the tennis courts.

C. Spring Breakfast

1. The Spring breakfast will be held on June 12th (Sunday) from 10:00 to 12:00 by the pool. There will be no rain date.
2. If it rains, the food will be brought into the clubhouse. Residents can eat inside or take their food home.
3. We will charge \$12 per person for the event.
4. After looking at various options for food, Betty Jean, Mary Sue and Georgianna met with the catering department at Hy-Vee. They felt Hy-Vee offers the best combination of value and quality.
 - a. They provide 6 dishes at a cost of \$11.00 per person plus a \$20.00 delivery charge.
 - b. The food comes ready to serve in chaffing dishes.
 - c. They also provide serving utensils, condiments, plates, silverware and napkins.
5. We decided on the following menu:
 - a. Scrambled eggs
 - b. Hash browns
 - c. Pastries
 - d. Fruit
 - e. Sausage
 - f. Bacon
6. We will take care of Orange juice, coffee and water.
 - a. Mary Sue has a big water dispenser
 - b. Mary Sue will buy coffee, coffee and water cups, creamer and sugar.
 - c. Janice has a coffee maker that holds 100 cups. There is also a large coffee maker in the clubhouse so we can provide regular and decaf coffee.
 - d. Georgianna will buy the orange juice and keep it cold in Lynn's refrigerator.
 - e. Georgianna will check to see if we can take the chairs out to the pool. Alternatively we can rent chairs for \$1.00 each or perhaps borrow chairs from a church or other organization.

- f. Lynn will be in charge of name tags.
- g. Georgianna will be in charge of advertising.
- h. Diane will be in charge of centerpieces.
- i. We will complete a budget for the Spring breakfast at our next meeting. We will also review our expenses for last year's pool party to help us decide how much to spend on events this year.

D. Outdoor Summer Concerts

1. Georgianna has spoken to the vocal director at Memorial High School about performing in May. They are very interested and will talk again with Georgianna to work out the details. This concert will be held in May.
2. We still need someone to offer to be in charge.
3. James will contact the Fixed Income Band to see if they are interested.
4. Everyone loved the Middleton Jazz Band ... we will try to get them to perform for Tamarack again.
5. Lynn will try to get the "200 Tubas" group (or some of them) to perform for Tamarack.

E. Fall Event ... September/October

1. Gloria will be in charge and Lynn and Diane will help.
2. Suggestions included having a dog parade, a children's parade, costumes, prizes for dogs and their owners, a photo or selfie booth, donuts and cider.
3. Gloria will check costs for donuts from Greenbush.

Next Meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2022 at 5 PM.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:00 PM