

Grounds Report

Action approved at the April and May meetings and status of work.

\$5600 approved for:

- Remove Juniper bushes and grind stumps on Playground common area – \$570 (est., complete).
- Raise Angel Tree canopy – \$200 (est., complete).
- Plant sod on Playground common area – \$650 (est., complete).
- Clear brush on Playground common area – \$1500 (est., incomplete, although substantially improved).
- Lift and balance trees at Wyndham entrance – \$535 (est., not started).
- Plant sod on Wembley common area – \$600 (actual, complete).
- Plant sod on LFL common area and at main entrance – \$200 (actual, complete).
- Trim/clear trees on Primrose common area – \$1000 (est., incomplete).

Current estimate for above work: \$5300 (est. \$2200 for work completed so far).

The cost of performing these tasks has actually gone down as I work through it. However, additional, related work has come up. For example, we have a lot more dead and sprouted trees to clear out and a lot more trimming than anticipated.

For example, the arborist quoted us over \$500 for trimming trees in the entrance and over \$4000 for other trimming and removal that is really necessary. I'm going with less expensive options for a lot of this, although we will use him for the entrance trees that are most visible and damaged. I expect we will use up most of the authorized amount doing much more work on the above tasks than previously anticipated.

Miscellaneous.

Manders reported the moisture sensors and valve issues have been fixed. I found one moisture sensor not working, and they will look into it.

The spring color planted at the monuments obstructs the lighting of the monuments at night. I engaged Welch Electric for \$100 to raise the light fixtures to illuminate the monuments properly.

Of the two large bare spots at the Playground Common Area, where we removed the two Juniper bushes, we finished sodding one. The other, we decided to leave open for a flower bed.

Would like to establish a Committee for Beautifying the Common Areas; please send a request for volunteers to the neighborhood.

Would like to establish a Tree of the Month program. Unlike Yard of the Month, we will invite suggestions from the neighborhood. We will do this via a one-time message and follow up from there. In addition to majesty and other visual qualities, we will look for interesting history/stories.

Received site plan from Playground Committee and requested Manders provide a quote for necessary modifications to the irrigation system on the Playground Common Area.

See reverse side for:

- Status of other work previously approved.
- Projected future work.

Primrose Volleyball.

Bill Barsotta installed fresh sand. Thank you, Bill!

Other.

Thanks to the Casey women (Mandy, Natalie and Caitlyn) for helping to plant sod!

Sprinklers used to water new sod; limited irrigation zones and times; only on dry days.

Several compliments and no complaints were received after work was completed on the Angel Tree and the Junipers were removed.

Action approved at the March HOA Board meeting:

- Plant three trees (\$1250 planted) and modifying irrigation system to support (\$310 incl tax). These to include a 45# Live Oak and a 45# Chinese Pistache at the Little Free Library Common Area at Waterford and Westgate and a 65# crepe myrtle to replace the missing one on the Wyndham median just south of Whitney.

\$1560

The Texas Trees Foundation has been tied up this month with Earth day and other business, and we are at the end of the window for tree planting. We may end up waiting until autumn to plant these, and prices may change.

Actions proposed for autumn (need not discuss at this time):

- Install informational signs at some trees to identify species and characteristics (cost unknown).

Little Free Library Common area:

- Plant two trees previously authorized for \$1560, as above.
- Remove mistletoe from Cedar Elms on LFL common area – \$200 (est., not started).

Playground Common area:

- Plant shade trees, new/smaller angel tree and west edge screen with irrigation extensions (\$4645 incl tax).

Primrose Common area:

- Plant grass to cover bare/muddy ground (approx. \$2000)

Wren and Waverly Common area:

- Plant grass in the bare spots and thicken (approx. \$500 + \$180.86)

==== **Total Request for Autumn 2015:**
\$7345