**Fairlington Meadows Buildings and Grounds Committee**

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

*7:30 p.m.*

**MEETING NOTES**

**Attending:** Claudia, Frona, Barbara, Joe, Gavin, Caroline, Javier, Pete, Cynthia

* **2021 priority court rejuvenation – upcoming court walkthrough**. Charlie will prepare flyers based on the document reviewed last month (Landscape Renewal Process V4.docx) to be distributed to residents of courts 2, 5, 6, 9, and 14 prior to the April 17 walkthrough. Claudia will send these electronically to Joe for distribution through court chair email lists, too.
* **Landscaping work in progress.**  Claudia noted updates of landscaping projects scheduled for work soon:
	+ Grading in Court 3 needs to be delayed for a few weeks because the painters need the center space for staging and other work.
	+ Photinia hedge on Quaker Lane was pruned aggressively mid-March to contain the fungal disease and to create adequate space for passage on the sidewalk. A number of photinia plants were removed. Unfortunately, given Arlington County’s timeline, they mapped some gaps for replacement plants BEFORE Lancaster came through and pruned, which means we have both old gaps and new gaps.  Arlington will plant hollies in the old gaps “sometime before June” but the new gaps will have to wait.  If possible, we’ll try to get hollies for the new gaps planted in September, but if not, they will have to wait until next spring.
	+ Request for external flower bed at 4215 35th St. South. Bed would be approximately 30” deep and run the length of their back fence. Because the area slopes, it would be bordered with a small stone wall approximately 18” tall. Request was approved by consensus.

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* Miscellaneous short items.
	+ State of the budget.
	+ Watering. Joanne and Barbara will organize volunteer watering around the pool area and get some Black-Eyed Susans for the sundial as well as flowers for the pool planters.
	+ Mulching. Request to investigate the cost of a possible second mulching in the fall, and/or the addition of ground cover to avoid problems with the mulch blowing away during leaf-blowing season.
	+ Landscaping around the playground – this will come out of the B & G budget; there was no landscaping component included in the playground project budget.
* Open forum – questions, concerns, requests, new business
	+ Question about Lesser Celandine and control thereof. This is on the landscaper’s list; should be treated with Rodeo per the Arlington naturalist.
	+ Caroline has an Obedient Plant she will donate to the swale around Court 15.
	+ Question about Lancaster removal of the photinia stumps? Are they going to do this or will Arlington?

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 5, 2021