

Meeting Minutes Landscape Committee Meeting

April 3, 2026, 1 PM

Meeting was called to order at 1 PM

Members Present: Tom and Theresa Edwards, Skip Folks, Brian Boyington, Barbara Hassell

Homeowner present: Carolyn Sloan

We would like to welcome Brian Boyington.

Landscaping

Three maple trees on South Battery were removed by Jays Tree Service. Jays Tree removal was \$1,600.00. Ms. Utility marked the areas before removal began. The homeowners requested maples be replaced with dogwoods. Caroline & Ron Hodges will use their money to purchase their dogwood.

Two of the Sky Pencils below the firepit on Walhalla that have died. The committee discussed what should be done about the bushes and it was decided to leave the area bare for the time being.

Tom asked the committee for suggestions concerning the area behind the townhome that was reseeded after Norm Mason vacated the premises. The homeowner has reported several incidents with suspicious activity behind her home. We still have the cones across this area. (Concerns over vehicles driving behind this area and damaging the grass area).

Cones will remain for the time being to give the grass a fighting chance.

The landscape committee needs volunteers to remove the debris behind the townhome where litter and construction debris were tossed. There are two wooden posts holding a line across that need to be removed.

The committee decided to put the items out for bulk pick-up on April 23. Volunteers will gather on Saturday, April 18 at 8 AM to move the items to the street.

Reflective triangles will be added to the chain that blocks off the area behind the townhouses to make sure a car does not drive in that area accidentally.

Homeowner on Langley Place, Pat Stultz will work with Theresa Edwards to redo the common area at the stop sign. They are planning to take out a bush and plant a variety of greenery. Tom will look into cleaning the stop signs on the streets.

We have purchased a cabinet for the garage. Any of the volunteers may access the cabinet to use around the community. The key will be in the clubhouse. We have purchased a large container of neem oil and will purchase more insecticides to include spider mites. Any suggestions on what should be in the cabinet. The committee decided to purchase a blower to help with landscape clean-up. Carolyn Sloan requested that the landscape committee purchase some Miracle Gro for the plants that were planted last year.

The area behind the townhomes that was repaired when Norm left the premises has large rocks in the area that was seeded. We alerted TJ to let his crew know of the potential for damaged blades, injuring a crew member or rocks hitting the townhomes. TJ inspected this area on March 4, 2026 and removed large rocks. TJS reseeded the area behind the homeowner's yard that had low spots and was bare. The cost was \$418.00. The homeowner agreed to water the area.

An area on the corner of Old York and Trafalgar will need some sprucing up. Theresa and Barbara will look into purchasing some items for the area.

The committee wishes to remind all homeowners to (1) submit all requests to the landscape committee; (2) contact Ms. Utility before any digging is done; and (3) use only black mulch in their front yards.

A quote was received to remove the gravel road on Trafalgar that accessed the park. This area will be reseeded, and we will ask the homeowners to water the area. The cost for having this work done is \$5,990.00. Theresa contacted Allen Flora to see if he may be interested in the rock, but after accessing the area, Allen was not interested. There was a concern this road may be needed by Roanoke County to access the park. Catherine Lindstrom stated that there is nothing in the documents and to proceed with the work of having the rock removed.

Some homeowners expressed concerns about having the crusher rock removed and not reusing it. The approximate cost for 3 tons of crusher rock is around \$360.00. The rocks were too large to use in the gravel parking lot at the clubhouse and would cost the HOA more to remove and place it at another location. It should be mentioned that these rocks will be picked up with a front-end loader and will be full of dirt.

Our neighbor at the pond, Allen Flora, trimmed the ivy off the wall at the pond. Thank you, Allen, for his help!

The homeowner on Greenville Place requested HOA to reseed the area beside her home due to erosion. This has been completed. A flat hose was purchased for watering by the homeowner. This hose will be in the garage for future use around the HOA

We are asking for volunteers to help remove 3 pine trees behind the clubhouse. Tom will cut the pine trees down and cover the stumps up with mulch.

Park

Homeowners were invited to a forum in February to discuss the information found by the landscape committee regarding the conservation area.

Roanoke county will now be responsible for keeping the storm drain overflow at the park cleared of any overgrowth.

The previous park must now return to its natural habitat. No mowing is allowed beyond the line of trees at the bottom of the slope.

The pavers and firepit have been completed. We are looking forward to seeing homeowners enjoy this area. Picnic tables were moved to the clubhouse (2) and Walhalla (2). Tom Edwards, Skip Folks, and George DeHart moved the 2 picnic tables off the pavers into the area beneath the fire pit on Walhalla 4/1/26. Thank you to these men for their help. Next Thursday, April 9 at 8 AM, Tom will sand the picnic tables to get them ready for repainting. He is inviting any homeowner who has a cordless drill to come and assist in this effort. "Many hands make light work!"

Caroline Hodges and Tom Edwards have volunteered to paint the picnic tables. *If anyone is interested in helping please see Tom or Caroline.*

Barbara Hassell, Barbara Eanes and Becky Mills still have the funds that were raised from the hotdog fundraiser. We ask these ladies to decide how they would like this money spent for all their hard work!

Pond

Skip Folks and Mike Brown replaced the wiring across the ponds that was damaged during the snowstorm. Several children were seen in the ponds and were reported to Roanoke County police by a homeowner. Please report any suspicious activity around the ponds to Roanoke County police.

Pat Stultz has volunteered to paint the 3 heron statues at the pond area.

It is still being reported that kids are at the pond area. Several neighbors have warned the children that this area is off limits. We need to continue to monitor this area. Thanks to all the homeowners keeping watch!

We've purchased four 'No Trespassing' signs to use on the poles already at the pond area. Even though we did not need four signs, they came in a pack. We will use the other signs if needed elsewhere, until then it will be in the cabinet in the clubhouse garage.

We will look at quotes to have the pond wall repaired where the rocks are separating. It was suggested to fill the cracks with a foam and add cement to the front.

The mating season for the geese began in February. Please report to Skip Folks any geese you notice nesting around the pond areas.

Skip has two geese currently at the pond area that are nesting. The landscape committee and homeowners greatly appreciate his monitoring these geese on a daily basis.

Open Discussions:

Skip suggested that the stop sign on Trafalgar is in the wrong place. The stop sign should be placed on Swansea.

Barbara Hassell asked if anyone knew what the plans are for removing the loose gravel. Theresa suggested that this is the responsibility of VDOT. Barbara will check with VDOT to have them remove the loose gravel on the state roads.

After the meeting, Barbara Hassell contacted VDOT and put in a service request to have the gravel removed on Old York and Flora Farm Roads. The service number is 2340172. She was not given a date when the work will be completed but was told that someone from the local VDOT office will contact her. Barbara emphasized the urgency of the request and the problem the gravel is for the people walking in our neighborhood.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Barbara Hassell - Secretary