

Landscape Committee Meeting: Wednesday July 1, 2026, 1 PM

Meeting was called to order at 1:12 PM.

Members present: Tom and Theresa Edwards, Barbara Hassell, Becky Mills, Skip Folks

Construction debris was removed behind the townhomes on Walhalla. We ask all homeowners to use bulk pick up days to dispose of their materials. Steve DeMichele and Tom Edwards removed the materials.

The gravel road on Trafalgar has been put on hold. It was mentioned that an emergency vehicle may be unable to access the park without a gravel base on the ground. Speaking with a firefighter, we learned they do not pull onto homeowners' yards. They use water on their truck, 150' hose and a fire hydrant which is located in front of the two homes in this gravel area. Catherine Lindstrom has concerns that erosion could occur if flooding happens. Catherine Lindstrom contacted Roanoke County. Catherine has received notification that gravel or grass may not be removed and it must stay as an easement road for Roanoke County.

TJ contacted the landscape committee regarding the overgrown grass at the easement belonging to Virginia Vineyard along the fence on Trafalgar. This area needed mowing and he stated they would mow it several times, permission was granted by Virginia Vineyard

With the lack of rain, we asked TJ to hold off mowing several times due to the lack of rain and dry yards.

Volunteers recognized:

Mike Scharf on Swansea Court pressure washed the rock wall behind the clubhouse. This is a HUGE thanks to Mike for volunteering his time!

A BIG THANK YOU to Becky Mills for cutting back the tulips and daffodils at the median strip coming into the community. This is back bending work and we appreciate it!!!!

Barbara Hassell contacted Roanoke County regarding the gravel on the roads from the snow/ice storm. This was finally cleared off the streets in May. Thank you Barbara!!

The irises at the clubhouse were cut back by Carolyn Sloan, Barbara Hassell, Sue Lawrence, Norma B.... and Theresa Edwards. Caroline Hodges cut back the irises at South Battery. We appreciate all the volunteers that come out to help!

Tom Edwards and Richard Wickham ordered a handrail from Amazon and installed it at the steps leading down to the firepit at the Clubhouse.

Lynn Yates donated a rake, shovel and branch cutter for the clubhouse garage.

Pond:

Skip has informed us that the pond fountain has stopped working. Skip and Tom are working with our pond management company and TJ who originally installed the pumps for estimates to replace this. Skip emphasized the importance of having the fountain to keep the water from getting stagnant. Skip and Tom will follow up on the pond maintenance and/or fountain replacement/repair. After Tom and Skip have gathered all necessary information, they will present it to the board for approval.

Several homeowners on Swansea have voiced concerns over Skip chasing the geese away. Skip and Tom Edwards met with Catherine Lindstrom and Linda Ennis to discuss how to move forward with continuing to deter the geese from the community. It has been decided if any homeowner prefers Skip not to come onto their property, they are to let the Board know.

We are trying to educate the homeowners of the potential for damaged lawns, more geese nesting and the excessive pooping on the roads.

Volunteers recognized:

Skip Folks, Jim Nicholson, George DeHart and Jerry Stultz cleared the large branches around the pond area. Thanks to these hard workers!

Plans for the fall:

Plant irises at the corner of Cardiff next to the streetlight. Will use irises from club house grounds. The planting is planned for the fall.

Place mulch around the large utility boxes on Old York near homeowner Linda Ennis. Plant shrubs/ flowers.

Order swing for clubhouse. Barbara will contact Gayle Jessee about releasing the money for the purchase. Skip suggested that there may be an issue with kids flipping the swing. The committee decided to investigate purchasing a glider for the park area.

Lynne Yates is requesting trees be planted to create a barrier behind her backyard. The Board is discussing putting a privacy hedge behind Lynne Yates' home. We will meet with TJ to possibly plant trees/bushes in this area. With the weather conditions we will hold off any planting until cooler weather

The committee discussed homeowners' responsibilities concerning dead trees on their properties.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:03 PM.