

## ARC Meeting May 20, 2014

- **In Attendance:** Rich Green, Board President, Bill Wolff, Board Vice-President and ARC Chairperson, Amar Tailor, ARC Member, Sara Henderson, ARC Member, Kevin Ferguson, ARC Member, and Anish Shah, ARC Member
- **Purpose/Goal:** Rich explained that the Board has tasked the ARC with the responsibility of formulating potential landscaping projects, within the confines of the landscape enhancement budget (approximately \$13,000).
- **Plan:** Propose 4 landscaping ideas: Choose 3, get bids from some companies, and submit proposals and suggestions to the HOA Board.
- **Discussion Topics:**
  1. **Shopping Center Entrance:** Issues of concern: Entrance is not a part of our property, ongoing landscaping maintenance costs and potential legal fees. Issue has been tabled.
  2. **Brick Mill Entrance:** Plans were made, but not expedited for final landscaping. Amar provided a copy of the proposal from the original landscaper (William Radford), which the committee will use as a basis for potential enhancements. Bids will be requested from interested landscapers. The ARC will accept suggestions from the (selected) landscaper to see if there is a better choice of plants or trees. Discussions also centered on Middletown's failure to mow the area on a consistent basis.
  3. **Trees along curb:** Neither the HOA nor the Town is responsible; instead, homeowners are responsible for tree maintenance on residential streets. If feasible, the HOA may consider a (50/50) cost sharing arrangement with interested homeowners on a **one-time** replacement of dead trees. Details will have to be worked out. In the meantime, the ARC will ask for a price quote for 25 new trees; price will also include the removal of the existing (dead) trees. The ARC will ask tree landscaper for suggestions - no sidewalk root problem trees. Need low maintenance trees. Homeowners could cash in on bulk buy price.
  4. **Pond Areas:** Middletown owns those areas. In addition to the high grass level, there are numerous geese droppings. ARC will inquire if Middletown can be consistent in maintaining those areas. ARC will obtain quotes concerning the costs of fertilizing the curb strips and maybe 10' in towards the pond, as well as aerating and seeding in the fall.
  5. **Action Items:** Amar and Kevin will get some quotes broken down by 3 categories agreed above. Fall will most likely be the target time of execution. Sara will get PDF copies made of original plans for quotes to be requested.
- **Possible Vendors:** Brickman, A1, Moon, Baileys and any others.
- **Other:** Concern expressed about trees at curb not being maintained and siding/mold issues. Goal is to convey helpful tips/information on Face Book, the HOA's Website and Email Distribution List. HOA's website also has a notification feature, which needs to be further researched.
- **Meeting Adjourned 8:30**