

Sovereign Oaks HOA Trails & Landscape Committee Report, Annual HOA Meeting, September 22, 2022

Presented by Joe Stelpflug

Current membership

Julie Brown, Jim Hoer, Mark Jordan, Matt Kern, Art Mandler, Joe Stelpflug, Dave Werle

Landscape Maintenance Contract

- Former contractor Laurel Crest Landscaping is no longer offering maintenance service. Selected new contractor Asheville Lawn and Landscape, who is our snow removal contractor, saving \$8,000 this year.
- Scope of services includes:
 - Mowing: common areas, frontage of undeveloped lots, Greenhouse Trail, lower portion of Musterfield Creek trail, Cemetery trail area.
 - Front entrance: lawn care, turf aeration, weed control, pruning, mulching.
 - Drain maintenance: drainage swales and culverts at entrance and both sides along Wandering Oaks Way.
 - Off season ride throughs – checking for storm damage, debris on all common areas and lot frontages (in lieu of mowing).

To complement the work being done by Asheville Lawn and Landscape, resident teenagers have been engaged to work on a couple of projects: cleaning up the drainage basin areas (as required by County ordinance) and maintaining the Musterfield Creek trail.

Projects

Saved the HOA an estimated \$6,475 this year by performing the following projects with manual labor, and Matt Kern's donated operation of his Bobcat power equipment. These savings do not include general ongoing trail maintenance by individuals.

- Cleared upper Musterfield Creek trail twice.
- Laid stone on erosion-control ditch on Musterfield Trail (by bee hives).
- Cleared bank along Old Farm School Road, including multiple trips to landfill.
- Cleared grassy bank by entrance, including tree removal.
- Greenhouse demolition (Bobcat only).
- Cleared utility access road from Musterfield Road to greenhouse.
- Replaced railing on small walking bridge on Bull Creek trail.
- Graded, seeded, by large walking bridge on Bull Creek trail.

Call for Volunteers

Watch for notice of community work days in HOA correspondence.