

Lakemoor Legacy Park & Garden  
Planting Plan Sub-Committee  
Minutes 12/01/2020

Members in attendance: John Bradley, Fran Thomforde, Kristin Bianconi, Kathy Proctor, and Gloria Lewis

The meeting was convened at 3:10 PM. Masks were used and social distancing maintained.

Minutes from the last (November 16, 2020) meeting were approved.

The Purpose and Scope of the committee were agreed to be:

- Developing the Park as a sanctuary for the neighborhood and others with
  - aesthetic and design appeal
  - year-round interest
  - plant variety
  - ease of maintenance - somewhat self-sustaining
  - wildlife support and
  - educational opportunities
- Providing a recorded History of the Park and Garden
- Maintaining a record of the development plans and evolution of the Park and Garden
- Providing a mechanism for directing and recognizing donations to the Park and Garden

Progress reports were received from Kathy on the development diagrams and plant lists, and from Fran on the History. Kathy believes she will be able to learn the new computer program and begin work in about a month, with completion by March 2021. She indicated her intention to diagram the current and earlier iterations of the Park and Garden. Fran noted she has multiple source materials, including photos, and thinks she can have the History completed sometime in February.

Recommendations derived from email conversations between members since the November 16 meeting were formulated into proposals by John, and discussed, edited and accepted by all members at this meeting. The accepted operational procedures #1-9 are attached at the bottom of these minutes.

First, we wanted to decide on the nomenclature of all of the areas of the Park. These were the proposed names:

The **bowl** area is everything below the paved pathway, including the **Raingarden**. The **rim** is everything above the paved path and below Circle Lake Dr.

The following areas in the Park and Garden are all parts of the **rim**:

The **South Entrance** is the area delineated by the rail fence, Circle Lake Dr., and the paved path, including everything south of the fence.

The **Gathering Place** includes the area just north of the rail fence and south of the paved path, including the area that now holds the library and benches.

The **Meadow Edge** bounds the northwest side of the **Gathering Place**, and is the area on the lower part of the West slope below the **Meadow**, extending to, but not including, the pair of red cedars.

The **Meadow** is the upper portion of the West slope including the area previously planned for an amphitheater. It is bounded on the north by the **Woodland Area**, and on the south by the **Meadow Edge**.

The **East Entrance** encompasses the areas flanking the stone steps, extending south to the paved path at the **South Entrance**, and north to the twin redbuds/chestnut oak.

The **Woodland Areas** begins on the east side at the twin redbuds/chestnut oak, extending to the north to the **Fern and Rock Gardens**. On the west side it begins at the **Fern and Rock Gardens** and extends to the lower edge of the **Meadow**, including the pair of red cedars near the paved path. The **Woodland Areas** include planting areas for rhododendrons and deciduous azaleas.

The **Fern and Rock Gardens** are the areas at the north end of the garden, above the north retaining wall and bounded on both sides by the **Woodland Areas**.

A pictorial representation of these areas is inserted at the bottom of these minutes as a .jpg document.

The committee discussed adding the plant list for proposed Park and Garden donations to be hosted by the Garden Club website which, in turn, is hosted by the Lakemoor Hills Homeowners' Association website. John volunteered to reach out to Holli Rogers (Garden Club president) about including information from the LLP&G Committee as well as from our Planting Plan Sub-committee on that website.

A discussion was had on adding some low birdbaths to support our wildlife sanctuary designation. The idea was approved. We discussed certain placements in the garden, eg of hose racks, bird baths, compost bin, but decided to defer these decisions to each of the areas design groups.

Kristin and Kathy proposed that we begin photographic documentation of the park, perhaps at monthly intervals for the first year beginning in January, and seasonally after that. This documentation would also be hosted in the LLP&G portion of the website.

Gloria said she has about 100 galvanized steel plant labels and is willing to donate them to the Park and Garden. The PPSC accepted this offer, and noted that it will not be necessary to label all plants, but rather at least one for each species.

It was agreed that Park and Garden area designs will be developed by pairs of Committee members. The following pairs of members agreed to provide design proposals for Park and Garden areas:

Kathy and Gloria - Meadow  
Kathy and Gloria - Gathering Place  
Kathy and Gloria - Meadow Edge  
John and Kristin - South Entrance  
John and Kristin - Raingarden  
John and Fran - Woodland  
Fran and Kristin - Fern and Rock Garden  
Fran and Gloria - East Entrance

We discussed adding planned Park and Garden workdays to the website when that materializes.

The next meeting will be held in the week after Christmas. While detailed design proposals are not expected by then, we do seek outlines of the design concepts for each of the defined areas at our next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Submitted by  
Gloria Lewis, Recorder for the PPSC of the LLP&G  
John Bradley, PPSC chair

- **#1:** Additions to LLPG may come from members of Lakemoor Hills Garden Club (GC) or non-GC members, but must have a “sponsor” from the LLPG Committee and a stated rationale for the addition. PPSC will review the request and will communicate the decision back to the requestor(s).
- **#2:** A list of potential memorial plants will be developed and periodically updated by the PPSC, and this list posted on the GC website. Recognitions for contributed plants will be posted on the GC website.
- **#3:** As becomes necessary, the PPSC will recommend removal of plants from the LLPG, subject to approval by the LLPG Committee.
- **#4:** PPSC will inform the LLPG of proposed rebalancing and reconfiguration of plantings and seek their assistance in affecting the changes.
- **#5:** The fate of plants being removed or reduced will be determined by the PPSC in consultation with the LLPG Committee. Potential dispositions include: offering to Lakemoor Hills GC members; offering to another GC/organization; plant sale; compost.
- **#6:** Further planting will wait on development of the planting plans, targeted to be available by March 2021. **Exception:** Planting of Vinca minor along the Southeast rim may proceed.

- **#7:** PPSC will develop a schedule for LLPG “work days” and propose it to the LLPG Committee for approval.
- **#8:** A mechanism for recording volunteer efforts in LLPG will be developed and promulgated.
- **#9:** The PPSC will report its plans and progress to the LLPG Committee at least quarterly and to the GC at least semi-annually.

