

**February 11, 2014**

**The Block 27 Lake Lot Association, Lake and Grounds Committee meeting was held at Bay Hills Clubhouse.**

**Committee Members in attendance:**

George Tesar Jr.

Bruce Wiles

Dave Smith

Chris Brazeal

Bob Sudduth

Cal Schwede

Jason Stigge

Patrick Yarusso

Ernie Quintana

Jim Abrams was not able to attend due to illness

**The meeting was called to order by George Tesar at 7:00 PM.**

**Agenda:**

**Landscaping:**

Currently the Block 27 Lake Lot Association is spending approx. \$2,000 - \$4,000 to maintain the common areas.

Discussion was held regarding landscaping with native grasses and wildflowers to reduce mowing costs.

The committee members identified 3 test plots:

1. Common area between Shoreline Circle and Lakeside Circle.
2. Common area between Lakeside Circle and Watersedge Circle
3. Common area between Lakeview Circle and Fountain Circle

Bruce will advise in preparing the ground, planting, watering, etc.

George estimated cost for seed to be \$500 per Stock Seed Company

Patrick discussed a drainage washout problem in the common area between Shoreline Circle and Lakeside Circle. He would like the board to address this with the SID to correct the problem.

Bob discussed the sumac that grows in the common areas and recommended that the board continue spray to keep it under control.

**Fish Stocking:**

Discussion was held and the committee decided that a balance needs to be kept between the sport fish and bait fish when stocking. The committee also decided to continue to not allow the use of live bait. We concluded that yellow perch can over populate, will do more research. Bob indicated that some walleye were caught last summer, if anyone is catching walleye let us know.

### **Volunteers Needed:**

Discussion was held regarding an erosion/drainage problem in the common area between Fountain Circle, Treasure Island Road, and Lakeview Circle. The SID has corrected the road and corner drainage but this has not solved the problem. George suggested that a small berm be created parallel to Treasure Island Road to reduce the erosion and create better drainage. The dirt would come from the trail/fish habitat project. The berm project would be a Sailboat Lake volunteer project to assist one of our neighbors.

### **Future Lake Dredging/Excavating:**

Discussion was held regarding the dredging or excavation of the cove areas. If you choose to dredge, there is no way to control the depth of the coves. Creating a siltation pond at the NW corner of the lake was also discussed. The silt pond would need to be large enough to hold the runoff from the hills and to hold the silt from the dredging operation. This is a project to be considered during the next 5 years.

### **Lake Trail Construction and Fish Habitat Areas:**

Discussion was held regarding the lake trail path and digging to create fish habitat areas along the North property line. If they are done in conjunction, the dirt that is taken from the lake to create the fish habitat areas can be used to create a better trail. Ernie, Dave, and Bob expressed concern regarding the fish habitat areas. They want to make sure that the habitat areas do not intrude on boating and swimming. Patrick stated that the fish habitats would allow fish to spawn and after they are established would help to create a balance between the bait and sport fish. *It was noted that people use the lake for various activities and that the board needs to consider all lake users when making a final decision.* The committee did decide that the trail needs to be wide enough to allow equipment to reach the silt pond area. Bruce stated that he has a bid of \$5,000 for dirt work if the board approves by March 1, 2014. Other cost would include wood chips, rock, silt fence, grass seed needed equipment rental. George and Bruce stated that this discussion would be shared with the Block 27 Board Members.