

Covington Square Detention Pond Retrofit Project  
Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2003

Present: John Silagy, Gino Polidori, Lisa Alspaugh, Bob Wischer, John Jackson

Canton Township/Tilton Associates update John Jackson reported that he spoke recently with Bill Serchak, Canton Township, and Chris Mueller, Tilton, about the project and specifically about the west end. They both say there is nothing functionally wrong with the west end that makes not doing anything this year a problem. Bill says Canton Township has spent almost three times what they expected. They are unable to spend time this year beyond doing the final grading. John asked Bill to come up with a couple of options with costs to do additional work on the west end next year if we decide to do so. Bill agreed to do this.

Pondscape sub-committee Lisa and Bob gave a very positive update with a great deal of detail about the planting plans. Both met with Chris of Tilton and were very impressed with the plan, the plants selected and Tilton's approach. The variety of seed mixes and plants will make for an excellent prairie habitat look around the pond. There are five different types of trees planned that should give a very nice variety of colors and looks. We discussed the purple loosestrife issue and agreed we need to aggressively attack it this year and next.

The plan includes some colorful annuals being planted to give color this year. It will take until next year for many of the plants to develop their full color.

Lisa reported on her conversation with Rick Plecha at Field School. His fifth graders will help on our project on May 10 and we will provide several volunteers to help them clean the Truesdale Drain and build a frog pond.

We also seem to be getting a great price on 2 1/2 to 3 inch trunk trees. Lisa will verify the cost. If it is as good as it seems, John J. will advise John S. and an offer to homeowners will be made to order an additional tree if they pay themselves.

We need to address the issue of the person at the southwest end who has a purple loosestrife garden. John Silagy will address this via the Board.

Lisa will get with Lori Treder and get an answer from Neher Prefect to see if they do weed control like we need in the pond area. If not, they will explore who can do it and the cost.

Fertilizer It was agreed to get a reminder to homeowners about the need to request/use low or no phosphorous fertilizer. There is a flyer going out in a few weeks with other info. We'll do this at the same time. John J. will get with Larry R. on new info.

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Longer-term Maintenance	A print out of the Canton Township web pages on Detention Pond Maintenance was discussed. It does a good job of laying out what needs to be done to keep the pond in good shape. John J. will get the info to Yogi and ask for him to propose how we address this.
Volunteer enlistment	Shelley Babcock advises she has not started a formal volunteer list for 5/10. However, she says she has a number of people informally committed and will get going in a few weeks commitments.
Board/Financial	John S. advises all is well. We can spend up to the \$17,000. budgeted. The current plan appears OK.
Action Steps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Lisa meet with Lori Treder on fertilizer</li><li>2. Cathy and Lisa firm up tree price and advise John S. and John J.</li><li>3. John Jackson will check with Canton/Tilton on flushing of west end inlet pipe. He will also see what kind of commitment we can get for equipment to plant trees. He will also check on invoices ready to be paid.</li><li>4. Gino will check Plymouth Rental and other rental shops for cost of Bobcats and other equipment we could use to plant trees.</li><li>5. John J. will get with Larry on flyer to remind on fertilizer, etc.</li><li>6. Lisa will follow-up and confirm with Rick Plecha. John J. will put together a few Powerpoint slides to explain the history of the pond project.</li><li>7. John Silagy will let John J. know on the date the flyers will be distributed.</li></ol>
Next Meeting	March 22, 2003, 9:30 AM, John Silagy's home