

## Landscaping Report 2/21/19

On 2/9/19 I walked around our property for 5 hours with 2 supervisors & 2 foremen from Laurose while they put mulch down where I directed them to. I asked them about a living fence on the vacant lot & they all said it would be a waste of money. If people wanted to get through they would. They all recommended a chain link fence across the area with jasmine planted right next to the fence so it could vine up the fence. It would cover the fence in a few years & you wouldn't even see the fence. It would smell nice & have little white flowers.

I thought we could recycle the old pool fence for this purpose. I talked to Patrick & he said there is enough good pieces that we could do this. Jeff & I will help & will also purchase the cement needed for the poles. There is a topographical survey done for the point project. Maybe Ameritech has a copy of that. We will need a permit as well from the city.

We had the tree service that was here Monday & Tuesday dump their mulch from the tree trimming they did on the fence line between WRB & the private property on the way to the pool.

I would also like to take \$1,000.00 from our \$2,000.00 landscaping budget & put it towards mulch on a yearly basis. I would also like to up the mulch \$250.00 from the current \$750.00 budget. That would make for a \$2,000.00 mulch budget yearly. We could put that in the Community Fund & hopefully build that up so we could provide mulch maybe every other year for our entire WRB property.

Jimmy McCafferty, owner of Laurose Landscaping, attended the last Board workshop. Before the meeting he was looking around the property and mentioned to Bob T and Patrick that a lot of the messy landscaping in the building O courtyard was due to a large overgrowth of a weed like plant that had contaminated many of the shrubs, and were also harmful to the pine trees. Once it is entwined in the shrubs it is impossible to get rid of, and eventually takes over everything. He recommended removing the shrubs, and replacing them with smaller plants that the weeds can't overtake. Patrick said that he could easily remove the shrubs over the summer, and next fall/winter we could do the smaller plantings. Does the board agree?

Mary Schram,  
Landscaping Committee Chair