

Willowick Homeowner's Association

September 8, 2009

Dear Willowick Residents:

The Board of Directors met this week to consider additional work on the front entrance. While we are very pleased with the overall look of our entrance, we feel additional improvements and enhancements through phasing will add beauty and color. In May/June we added additional plants in Phase 1 of future improvements; Phase 2 is outlined below. Additionally we have uncovered an issue with drainage and moisture on the north side of the front entrance island.

Bonner's Lawn and Landscape inspected the island this week; the inspection included digging and probing to check moisture levels on both sides of the island. Bonner's had previously taken a soil sample for analysis – the analysis was returned and all values were within normal limits. Scott Bonner found that the north side is moist; the probable cause is an underground spring that is sending a slight stream of water down that side of the island. Scott suggests adding minimal drainage pipes to correct this problem and improve growing conditions.

The Architectural Committee has recommended removing the ivy from the island; the Board agrees that the ivy should be replaced. The ivy is so prolific that it will overtake the island, obstructing the view of other plants and "color". Additionally, the ivy only seems to be growing on one side of the island - a correction of the drainage issue would allow the "plants" to grow on both sides. The ivy was recommended by the original design architect and approved by the Board as part of the original redesign project - the ivy was simply a poor plant choice. The Architectural Committee has reviewed all plant recommendations on the new project and they believe the Liriope is the best choice to replace the ivy.

Our plan includes -

1. Correct the drainage problem
2. Replace the ivy with Silver Dragon Liriope
3. Replace the dead/dying Otto Luyken Laurels
4. Add additional plants – Maiden Grass, Adagio Grass, Flower Carpet Roses
5. Add "color" with the additional plants as well as the continued use of annuals
6. Secure an extended 2 year warranty on all work instead of the offered 1 year warranty.

Should you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me personally.

Best regards,

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