

## SUMMARY OF TIM BONNER'S MEETING WITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND RESIDENTS, MARCH 28

Brickman started here in 1990. At that time, the concern was that the location was hot and sunny. So, we planted trees. Now we have evolved to the point that the trees are big and have large canopies. Canopies = size of roots. Now we have big trees and the site is changing. We have a need to balance the needs of trees and turf; i.e., sun and moisture.

We do over-seeding with tall fescue, but the trees are winning at the expense of turf. Examples are areas behind 200, 300, 400 and 500 which are dealing with a canopy of trees. Brickman's soil test found pH is 5.5, but 5.0 would be better. However, if we add more lime to raise pH, this can adversely affect the trees, which will start to look yellow.

Is ground cover the answer? No necessarily. Hasn't done well in some places such as 607 and around 901. Pacasandra may not be the answer.

If Brickman were to recommend a plan, what would we consider?

- ? Fertilizing -- possibly second fertilizing/weed control treatment in late spring (\$600)
- ? More pilot projects to experiment to see what works. Examples: behind 700 building was extensively over-seeded, fertilized, aerated and watered by residents. We'll see result soon, but no looking good. Ditto for front of 400, where we had every piece of grass taken up and reseeded and watered. Lesson: different areas need different approaches.
- ? Grub control. Brickman sending out someone to test around community. Choice of quick fix (kill it now) vs. long-term fix (Merrit treatment which is slower process).
- ? Pruning to get more light to turf. We have a list of suggested pruning/limbing-up and prices. Will probably have to be done over a couple of years because estimate is \$5,280.
- ? Lime. Addressed above.
- ? Ground cover. Addressed above.
- ? Top soil and aeration. TBA

### QUESTIONS:

- ? Mowers seem too big. Brickman is going to use smaller ones.
- ? Edging is too severe. Reminder: was done to respond to complaints about mulch washing out of the beds. Should look better now with the mulch filling in. Consider using weed eater in some locations.
- ? Crab grass control? Yes, we're doing it, but considering adding another treatment in late spring (see above)
- ? Sidewalks are being eaten up. Small mower will help. Other contractors have been in area too.