

Minutes - Men's Coffee Group – June 14, 2011:

Clement Ross opened the meeting by commenting on the following topics:

A Village Walk resident asked about bringing members of their Church Group into the pool area. Scott Brooks mentioned to Clement, that we have no guidelines or procedures for this type of request. Therefore, we should develop them in the future. It was noted that "private parties" have taken place in the past.

Clement also mentioned that a "designated smoking area" will be located at the pool this month.

There was quite a bit of discussion involving the enforcement of rules around the pool. Clement suggested that we might hire part-time "monitors", or increase and extend our present "rovers" to monitor the pool areas on weekends.

It was also suggested that the Sheriff's Office might be called.

Another member suggested hiring a lifeguard on weekends to help maintain and police the area.

It was suggested that flyers be sent to all residents of Village Walk explaining the rules, and notify the residents that Authorities can close the pool down if health codes (i.e., food and bottles) and rules are violated.

The Group was then addressed by Todd (Account Manager) and Ron (Project Manager) of Mainscape. (Mainscape's District Manager was also present, but his name escapes me.) The following discussion ensued:

Mainscape will leave "Door Hangers" on resident's doors when they respond to the resident's reported problems. It was suggested that in these dry conditions, "hand watering" really helps.

One resident mentioned that he thought Mainscape's crews had been cut back at Village Walk. Mainscape stated that in fact the opposite is true – they have been increased.

Mainscape also mentioned that due to the drought, the county might limit watering to once a week in the near future. This would obviously have a negative impact on our flora.

The discussion then turned to the problem that we are having with "flies" in our area.

It was mentioned that shrubs and trees can be sprayed for aphids and other insects that attract flies, thus controlling or eliminating the problem. Yet, this year there is an unexplained explosion of flies in Southwest Florida.

Another discussion involved weed whacking lawns vs. mowing. In response to home owner complaints (noise) from mowing, Mainscape has moved from mowing to the use of hand-held weed whackers in tight areas. This has resulted in some uneven cuts, as some residents attested to. Mainscape will revisit the situation to see what could be done to remedy the problem. Some of the problems might be caused by newer and less experienced personnel.

It was reported that a grill cover was damaged by a weed whacker. Mainscape stated that would replace the cover.

Mainscape has suggested that if you feel a shrub, bush, etc. needs to be sprayed, call them by Monday or Tuesday; spraying will be done on Friday.

A question regarding the cutting of palm trees was addressed. As a general rule, Mainscape will cut palms, if they can be reached from the ground. Trees greater than 14 feet are covered by another Contractor; this cutting is performed during the months of September and October.

The final comment of the meeting was regarding speeding in our community. Clement responded that we do have an agreement with the Lee County Sheriff's Department which allows them to monitor and ticket violators.