

**Bentana Woods West Cluster Association**  
Board of Directors' Meeting: Tuesday, September 2, 2008

**Board Members Present:** Martin Dapot, Victoria Christie-Healy, Tom Bodine, Eileen DuBose, Jonathan Krentel, John Brigham, Jane LeGros

Landscape Committee Members Present: Susan Dapot

Resident(s) Ben Keynejad of 1509 Farsta

**Call to Order:** 7:40 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Discussion and Actions:**

**Members Forum:** Ben Keynejad commented briefly on the accumulation of dead leaves in the common area between Farsta and the Villas along North Shore. In his opinion this is a potential fire hazard. His suggestion was to get the local neighbors involved in a group clean-up of the area on a Saturday morning for one and one half hours. He has had success with this approach in a neighborhood where he formerly lived.

**Landscape Committee:** The gross repair from the storm last spring to the affected area behind Park Glen (1518-1536) will come to \$2590. Cardinal Landscaping will reseed the area affected by heavy equipment. AG&E is making arrangements to repair the area affected by their equipment (beside 1500 Park Glen) at no charge to BWWCA. They will also remove a dead branch from a redbud tree on Scandia and a hanging branch behind 1502 Farsta at no charge. Tom Bodine is making arrangements with AG&E for the removal of a storm damaged tree on his property. Since this will require the use of a crane, BWWCA will make use of same to remove a dead tree near 1533 Scandia for \$875.00. Meadows Farm will make a plant inspection within the next two weeks.

During the meeting there was some discussion about the advisability of spending the proposed \$2590.00 on the areas located at the rear of 1518 and 1536 Park Glen. The landscape committee chairperson mentioned that there was a payment made to the cluster by Verizon some time ago to cover the damage they had done to the area at that time. There was general agreement by the board on this matter and the reseeding was to commence the following week.

1. **Treasurer's Report** – We are at budget. Our operating costs are approximately \$10,000.00 per month. The delinquency report was discussed with regards to revocation of parking privileges.
2. **Social Committee:** The final cost to the cluster for the Labor Day neighborhood picnic was \$147.00. The leftover rolls were taken to a homeless shelter.
3. **Parking Problems:** The proposal for a solution will be the towing of cars parked in fire lanes, along curbs. There will be a notice sent to every household. The proposal to increase the number of parking spaces will be ready within the next two months.
4. **Financial:** Amy Bossie, Martin Dapot and Tom Bodine have prepared a budget for 2008-2009. The budget has been approved by the board with five (5) in favor and two(2) opposed. The proposed increase in monthly dues to the residents will be \$5.00.
5. **Management** – There was some discussion about getting competitive bids for the professional management we use to handle our finances and legal matters. Director Dubose did research on the dues paid by other communities of similar size in Reston. She will also research two other management companies and seek proposals from them – AMSI and Armstrong.
6. **Minutes** of August meeting were approved with slight modifications.