

Saxony 2021 President's Report

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Accomplished in 2021

Hardscape

The mail kiosk was upgraded. The mailboxes were replaced and the kiosk itself was modified to accommodate the new boxes. The light fixture was also replaced.

Andreos Construction did some crack-sealing and patching repairs on the concrete streets. Some more extensive repairs should be completed by the time of the Annual Meeting.

Landscape

Bloom Floralscapes is completing the second year on a two-year maintenance contract. Several walk-throughs were conducted during the year with Bloom representatives, the Saxony Board and Manager, David Littler. Bloom continues its regular mowing and trimming, maintaining the sprinkler system, applying pest and weed control, planting annual flowers and seasonal cleaning-up. Shrubs were trimmed. Several dying shrubs were removed at owners' requests. One upright juniper was in the area immediately south of the kiosk, which was replaced by several different shrubs over a rock base. An expanded band of rock was added in an area where grass was killed by being driven over. In addition, some other areas of rock were refreshed.

Bloom completed the 2020-20201 snow removal season satisfactorily. There were concerns about damage to several areas done by the snowplows, most of which have been corrected.

Fielding Tree has again surveyed all Saxony trees. Some trimming was accomplished this Spring and some further trimming in late Summer. Crabapples and locusts were treated against disease and the ash trees were inoculated against emerald ash borer. Fielding also removed three dead or dying trees.

Grace Bierschbach continues as the sole member of the Landscape Advisory Committee. Her work on the flower beds at the entry, at the Dayton/Caley corners and in a couple of other areas inside the neighborhood is greatly appreciated.

Exterior

Upright junipers were planted to replace the dead ash tree which was removed on the Caley perimeter. Two dead shrubs were also replaced. All four cut-out areas were cleaned up and refreshed with day lilies and cobble rock.

The Board continues to pursue bids for repair work on the exterior stucco wall.

Governance

An updated Resident Voluntary Directory was issued this year.

Two Architectural Review Committee requests were received and approved; one was received and then withdrawn.

Since the coronavirus outbreak and subsequent social restrictions, the Board has been meeting regularly via teleconference or ZOOM. When necessary, to inspect the grounds, meetings are held outdoors with masks and social distancing. These plans will continue for the foreseeable future.