

ISBP Update
April 22, 2019

1. The ISBP is a subcommittee under the Grounds Committee. Members include Mike Scott (Chairperson), Peggy Cronin (Secretary), Jeff Kunkle, Charlie Patterson and Christopher Wright. New members are always welcome!
2. The committee last met at the entrance to the neighborhood on March 25, 2019
3. We looked at the Holly to the right of the entrance as you enter the subdivision. We concluded that it was healthy and we should prune it. If we decide after pruning, that it still doesn't look nice, we can make a final decision to remove it.
4. We looked at the Bradford Pear to the left of the entrance as you enter, and found that the Magnolia that had been growing in the middle of the pear tree had been removed, and the resulting pear tree looks nice. There is no need to remove it.
5. We drove wooden stakes into the ground to mark the location of the proposed new Autumn Blaze Maples and Autumn Gold Ginkgos identified in the plan developed by the team. The Maples are set back 20' from the street and the Ginkgos are set back 35'. We all agreed that the layout looked good. We plan to set the new trees in place and make a final review before planting. We decided to keep one mature, existing maple on the left side as part of the final plan. The location of the existing Maple tree is "near perfect" and the tree is beautiful.
6. We need to remove one White Pine, one maple and five Crepe Myrtles.
7. After reviewing the scope of the work involved and the cost of the plantings, the group presented an updated plan to the Board for consideration on April 7, 2019. The Board had no objection to the plan.
8. We updated the community with the revised plans on April 13, 2019.

Updated Plan

1. Waynesboro Garden Center will plant five Autumn Blaze Maples in May. The cost of this work will be \$3,187, which is slightly more than the approved budget of \$2,816. The specified cultivar and size of trees should make a very nice visual impression. The size of these trees requires a large planting hole, which favors a professional installation. In addition, having Waynesboro Garden Center plant the trees, we will receive a one-year guarantee on the trees.
2. The team will plan to remove the five Crepe Myrtles, one White Pine and one Maple tree (date TBD). Depending on a variety of factors, including available volunteers, we will either remove them by cutting them at the base and grinding the stumps at a later date, or if time permits, cut them at the base and dig out the stumps. The team will make the final decision at the site.

3. This will leave the final step to purchase and plant four Autumn Gold Ginkgos, which will likely occur this Fall, depending on securing the necessary funds.
4. We believe that by planting the five Maple trees, together with an existing Maple tree, the design will look attractive and not “unfinished” as we wait to complete the project in Fall.
5. By planting only five of the nine trees in the approved design, the team should be better equipped to water the new trees.
6. We remain excited about the final results!

Action Items

1. Seek Board approval for the shortfall in approved funds for the first planting of Maples
2. Solicit volunteers and remove the trees noted above (TBD)
3. Waynesboro will plant Autumn Blaze Maples (tentative early May)
4. Schedule another meeting to evaluate the new plantings and determine plans for Fall (likely after the Maples are planted)
5. Look for other volunteers for specific tasks and actions as the plan moves forward.
6. Continue to communicate relevant developments and progress updates to the entire community as they become clear.

