

## GROUNDS COMMITTEE

July 31, 2018

*Attendees: City of Fishers Planning Department; Tony Bagato, Kevin Stotts, & Megan Schaefer*

*Approximately 60 Residents (committee Members) and guests*

Kevin began the meeting indicating the city assumed the meeting was only on the Preservation and Conservation Tree Zones BUT answer other concerns or get back to us.

### CONSERVATION DISCUSSION

The conservation areas were designated in the 2006 PUD and revised in the 2013 PUD and in collaboration with Residents of Britton Falls in the 2012 timeframe. Thus this is the zoning requirements or law for Britton Falls.

Conservation Areas – not allowed to remove underbrush (anything) except for safety considerations with the approval of the Planning department. Property owner can file a request for Zoning Variance with the Board of Appeals – may or may not be granted.

Preservation Areas – Removal of Dead trees down to a safe height is allowed, but downed sections remain in area. Remains a natural area.

The city naturalists ‘Danesa Stolz’ has attended several Woods group meetings and is available to guide residents to identify species and what maybe desirable in a “Contain and Maintain Plan” for Britton Falls. Poison Ivy is part of this discussion.

The Grounds Committee is working to establish a Fishers approved guideline or policy such that home owners will be able to get approval on site.

A series of Homeowners who desire a specific change can submit requests to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Bradford Pear and other trees of that species. These are not in the Fishers Authorized plantings for Common area. The trees planted in Road side areas since the ordinance was passed in or about 2013 will be reviewed and maybe removed and replaced by the developer.

### OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

**ITEM Number 1** Britton Falls Street Lights – Why and how can we get a standard wattage and color bulb? Kevin requested Nick to send list of items other departments can respond to.

**ITEM Number 2** Street Lights on Cyntheanne at 1) 126<sup>th</sup>; 2) Southeastern; and 3) 136<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEM Number 3** Storm Water Drains – When will the city clean the drains and maintain the storm water retention areas? Heavy silt is building up.

Turnberry Water issues and Conservation Area – The city is considering issuing a letter of regulation and compliance to the home owners that abut Britton Falls.

**ITEM number 4** Two residents on Lori Valley Drive inquired about tree branches and Poison Ivy in the conservation area on their property. **Action - send e-mail to Nick and Committee he will forward to Fishers for action. (Sent to City evening of July 30 awaiting guidance).**

Two residents inquired of Dead Trees in front yard and have moved in with in the past year. **Action - Send E-mail to Nick and he will get with Pulte. One resident info sent to Pulte Aug 1.**

**ITEM Number 5** Emergency egress from Lori Valley Area – Road along Thorpe Creek Interceptor is under construction. It will be paved and areas along the road will be a Conservation Area. It is not, by the city envisioned as a walking trail! Questions were raised as residents have been told it WILL also be a Walking Trail connecting with another trail to the East which is not yet in. Clarification required.

**ITEM Number 6** Not discussed in Meeting. Several Areas are missing trees between the curb and sidewalk. Pulte indicates there may be a utility in the area and trees should not be planted. City and PUD indicate a tree every 40 feet. Several of these sites are very questionable and clarification with inspection on site would clear it up.