

GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

December 14, 2011

Submitted by Roy Benner, Chairman, 12/10/2011 to Barbara Morgan

Completed tasks:

- 1) Most of the grass has been cut for the season.
- 2) The Goshen Farm Sharing Garden was completely enclosed: (145' x 60')
 - a) A six foot double sided fence was installed on the north and west sides of the garden.
 - b) A 4-1/2 foot single sided fence was installed on the east sides.
 - c) A 4-1/2 foot post and stringers was installed on the south side but waiting pickets.
 - d) A 6 foot main gate was installed with spring closer. An overhead, inscribed cedar sign was installed with the words - "Goshen Farm Sharing Garden".
 - e) A gate was also installed with spring closer on the south fence. It is a four foot gate.
 - f) Corner markers were installed at the corners of all the 57 garden plots.
 - g) House Number 1420 was installed on the Metal Gate and also on Wooden Post near driveway entrance.
 - h) Garden design complete, Nicole working on final rendering, for distribution.
 - i) Continue to clear back more vines around garden and spring pond.

Findings:

- 1) I found another buried section of the "septic line" (4-inch black bituminous pipe) near the main entrance to the Sharing Garden. I also found two buried cast iron pipes in this same area. Still need to locate the Farmhouse septic system tank? I now know where part of that drain field system is (four pipes found so far, about 24" deep).
- 2) As the vines died back and leaves fell, Becky found a small structure that we thought might be an old well covering north of the spring pond. As I cut the brush down to get to this structure, it turned out to be the remains of an old dog house.
- 3) This now cleared area (northeast of the spring pond) will probably be where Nichole will locate the garden shed (close enough to the garden but out of the site when viewing the main House), when it is constructed by the Bob Scout in the spring.
- 4) The weed that London Town has in its African American Garden and is also present at the Goshen Farm Sharing Garden is called "**Beefsteak Plant,**" (**Perilla frutescens**), was identified by the Horticultural Manager, Nate Powers for me. It is a mint (square stem) grows about four feet tall with red/purplish leaves and spreads by a heavy seed set in the fall.

To Do Items:

1. Install rest of the wooden fence pickets on the south end of the “Goshen Farm Sharing Garden,” when pickets become available.
2. Large tree near the servants (white) building, Site #8, should be removed before February 1st.
3. Purchase a key pad system for the Radoff Lane entrance (and install) for main road gate to allow access for garden plot gardeners.
4. Remove remaining “Tree of Heaven” stumps for ease of grass cutting.
5. Install water line from well pump to garden along with garden distribution hose bibs for use in the garden. Water line will also be placed underground with frost-free outlets within the garden. Water system will be installed with a valve; drain should the water line need to be drained.
6. Clean spring area of debris by end of February.

Needs:

1. Gravely mower does not run except when the sensors are by-passed. I can't cut the grass this way.
2. Hand mower runs for about 30 minutes then it loses power and cuts out.
3. Electricity from Farmhouse circuit panel to well pump. Well should be refurbished and made operable for the GFPS and the “Goshen Farm Sharing Garden.” HIGH PRIORITY!
4. Well house concrete equipment area must be cleaned out and a house structure must be constructed to protect the well/water system from weather and vandalism.
5. Install at least one GFCI duplex outlet (maybe two) on the exterior of the Farmhouse for exterior electrical needs and for garden needs.

Picture of the Goshen Farm Sharing Garden Fencing will be provided at the meeting if desired.