

August 15, 2013
Meeting with John Phelps from Solitude Lake

Meeting notes

1. A five foot buffer x 12 -24 inches in height will continue to maintain the health of the pond
2. Solitude is responsible for selectively removing invasive species (no spray)
 - a. Vegetation is thick and difficult to find selective vegetation
 - b. Solitude is not allowed to spray
3. The pond can be a combination of native plants and plants that are growing naturally
4. Vegetation that grows in excess of 24 inches or unsightly plants can be removed by the HOA
 - a. The pond can be whatever we want it to be as long as we maintain the recommended buffer
5. The outflow of the pond is growing up and needs to be cleared
 - a. Solitude or the HOA can complete the clearing
 - b. Recommend conducting the clearing once the vegetation begins to dies back
 - i. Easier and less expensive once vegetation dies back
6. The main source of the pond water comes from the street
 - a. Point source pollution (streets) is filtered by the aquatic buffer only
 - b. Non-Point pollution (land run off) is filtered by the entire buffer
 - c. NaturaLawn has verified they do not use phosphorus
 - d. Urge other members of the community to use non-phosphorus chemicals on their lawn
7. Our pond is a bank facility not an embankment
 - a. Trees are not endanger of falling into the pond, the root system is good
 - b. Trees do not need to be removed but trees can be removed if the HOA decides to remove them
8. Recommend a yearly winter (December/January) clearing
 - a. Cut back vegetation to 6-8 inches in height
 - b. Provides vegetation with a fresh start
 - c. Enables the cleanup of unwanted vegetation
 - d. Helps with weeding for the following year
 - e. Remove dead vegetation and sets the stage for healthy growth
9. HOA can help with maintaining the pond through
 - a. Removal of unwanted or invasive vegetation
 - b. Planting of desired, native plants
 - c. Help keep the height to 12-24 inches
 - d. Keep the outflow clear
10. Assistance is needed from Solitude to
 - a. Identify plants that are "good"
 - b. Provide direction if we decide to plant some additional plants
 - c. List of recommended plants