

# Steeple Run Community Council Special Board Meeting

October 29, 2024

Present: B. Cleary, L. Gutoski, S. Janecek, M. Klecka, B. Klein, M. Knysch, E. Lukacsik,  
T. Michalek, C. Sehy

Absent: B. Haberstich, M. Ladas

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by Michael Klecka, President.

S. Janecek presented an updated plan and rendering from Rent a Gardener for landscaping the Steeple Run entrance signs. The updated information was also emailed to board members before the special meeting.

She highlighted changes and additional information added to address concerns expressed at the October Board meeting, and stressed the urgency of planting as soon as possible, noting that Rent a Gardener could do the work on October 31. She also provided a quote from Wingren to water the new plantings this fall, noting that the bid allows for up to six waterings, with the first watering to be done on November 1. Depending on rain, fewer waterings may be needed.

**Motion:** L. Gutoski made a motion to accept the revised bid in the amount of \$4,356.54 from Rent a Gardener for landscaping work at both entrance signs. C. Sehy seconded. Discussion ensued. Voice vote, motion passed.

Long-term viability of the plantings was discussed. S. Janecek noted the plantings are designed to be drought resistant and shouldn't need much watering once they're established. The warranty on the plantings runs through spring 2025; any plants that don't survive the winter will be replaced under the warranty.

L. Gutoski noted that, as discussed at previous Board meetings, there's \$4,000 in the current budget for plantings. The funds were originally earmarked for trees, but since the Board decided not to plant new trees this year, it can be used for the landscaping project. S. Janecek received permission in September to purchase bulbs and hardy mums for the project.

The possibility of installing sprinkler systems at both entrances was brought up. S. Janecek stated she has researched the possibility, which would require running a water line under Steeple Run Drive. Each entrance would require a \$5,000 permit from DuPage County, plus approximately \$5,000 for the work. L. Gutoski noted SRCC's current reserves are allocated to the pool replacement project. Reserves would need to be rebuilt before a sprinkler system could be added.

**Motion:** L. Gutoski made a motion to approve the 2024 watering quote from Wingren for up to a maximum of \$665. B. Klein seconded. Voice vote, motion passed.

**Motion:** S. Janecek motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30. L. Gutoski seconded. Voice vote, motion passed. The next SRCC Board Meeting will be Thursday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m.

*Recorded by Colleen Sehy, Secretary*