



TREE HEALTH & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

ORIGIN

This is an “ad hoc” committee established per MGCA By-Laws, Article VII, Section 14, which states, “Subject to Section 1 of this Article, the Board of Managers may create and appoint additional committees for special or additional projects.” It is a subcommittee of the Building and Grounds Committee.

PURPOSE

Not specified in the By-Laws. Ensure the continued health and viability of the Campmeeting tree canopy. Provide tree and landscaping-related input and recommendations to the Building and Grounds Committee.

MEMBERSHIP

Per MGCA By-Laws, Article VII, Section 1, “The Board of Managers may establish one or more committees consisting of one or more Managers of the Association. Committees may also consist of other members of the Association who are not Managers of the Association.” This has been interpreted to mean that the committee must include at least one Manager, but that the Committee Chair need not be a Manager.

NOTE: If it remains a subcommittee, it is recommended that the chair be a member of the Buildings & Grounds Committee.

MEETINGS

Not specified in the By-Laws. Meetings are normally called by the committee chair on an as-needed basis, though the committee has historically met at least monthly.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Evaluate and monitor the condition and health of the Campmeeting tree canopy and individual trees.
 - May enlist certified arborists/foresters to assist in evaluations
- Coordinate any required tree health services (e.g., chemical treatments)
 - Includes trees on both Campmeeting and Private Property
- Advise Buildings & Grounds Committee with regard to requests for removal of trees on Private Property
- Bring tree and landscaping-related issues to the attention of the Buildings & Grounds Committee as necessary.
 - Chair typically attends all Building & Grounds Committee meetings

- Develop and execute a community tree plan
 - Coordinate purchase, planting, and care of new trees planted on Campmeeting Property and if allowed, on Private Property
 - Provide advice and recommendations to Members wishing to plant trees on their property
- Develop and oversee a Memorial Tree Program
- Coordinate tree and gardening/landscaping-related volunteer activities.
 - Plan annual activities which may include Arbor day recognition.
- Monitor expenditures against line items in the budget for Tree Health/Maintenance and ensure that they remain and are projected to remain within the allocated budget.
- Monitor expenditures against line items in the budget for Tree Removal & Trimming and ensure that they remain and are projected to remain within allocated budget. Responsibility for compliance lies with B&G.
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- Provide tree and gardening/landscaping-related education to the community and articles for the MGCA newsletter.
- Present (or submit) a committee report at each Regular Meeting of the Board of Managers

AUTHORITY

Authorized to schedule and direct activities of tree and landscaping-related vendors as necessary and approved by the Buildings & Grounds Committee provided all budgetary constraints are met.

BUDGET/FUNDING

The Buildings and Grounds Committee has two separate line items in the MGCA annual budget that are generally administered by the Tree Health and Maintenance Committee. The two line items are:

- Tree Health/Maintenance
- Tree Removal & Trimming

The committee may make requests to the Board for additional funding through, and with the approval of, the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

The committee has in the past received charitable donations designated to be used for trees in general, the memorial tree program, and/or landscaping-related projects, and may do so in the future.

The Committee Chair is responsible to ensure that expenditures do not exceed budgeted/allocated funds.

Dates:

Adoption: December 21, 2021

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Rescission: