

# **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

## **GOALS**

The goals of the beautification committee for Imperial Golf Estates are to maintain and enhance the function and appearance of the common areas, and to promote a cohesive atmosphere to utilize and enjoy as an IGE community. Common areas mostly include the parks within the community but may also include other common areas as designated by the Board.

## **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 17,2019**

The Beautification Committee includes Mark Thieme, Pam Fortier, Odamis Houston, Mark Camp, Greg Gottfried, and David Krause, Director.

Our meeting produced some great new ideas and reviewed old ideas regarding the parks within our community. We believe our parks could be better utilized if we invested to make them better places people want to be and gather. Here is our wish list for discussion among the Board.

Mark opened the meeting with discussion on the irrigation equipment needed for Entrada. We tabled this \$4000 expense to determine if this is our area of concern.

Exercise equipment is a great way to promote use of the parks. It is healthy outdoor living. This old topic has liability concerns which require discussion before more time is put into determining what equipment would go best where. We do believe low profile stretching equipment would be best to start and perhaps a different set up in a different park, depending on its success. We believe most liability issues are from children's outdoor equipment and few claims from adult equipment according to vendors. Signs and even a waiver form could be utilized.

A great new idea are picnic tables throughout the parks. Strategically placed, this could promote the use and gatherings in the parks. Great nature and beautiful spaces should be enjoyed, as we paid \$76,000 just for the maintenance contract for these spaces. A standard table with durable recycled material on line are \$850-\$1000 each. A grey or dark brown color is suggested. We suggest at least one in each park and in the larger parks like Empress, more than 1.

Another great idea for discussion are gazebos for Empress and Bismark Park. At a cost of \$8,000-\$10,000 each, Board discussion should ensue prior to specific recommendations.

We will attempt to promote a "leave no trace" policy and hoping to avoid trash issues.

We discussed placing butterfly gardens with Florida plantings to further beautify the parks. A shade tree or two may be requested depending on the approval of the equipment or picnic tables.

The landscaping for the 4 way stop area will be hopefully permitted and cleaned so that new plantings can then be made.

The front IGE sign are will be evaluated to improve its appearance.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David Krause, Director