

November 14, 2018: 2018 Annual Meeting Questions and Answers

1. Owners Question:

How does WTMC respond when a dead tree is reported to them?

Staff response:

Facilities Manager Gowans explained that once an issue is brought to the attention of WTMC we do a site visit, determine what the situation is and what resources are needed, if we need to bring in the Arborist and or our Logger vendor to deal with the matter. We then execute the steps necessary to deal with the particular tree situation.

2. Owner Question:

Is WTMC cutting down the greenbelts?

Staff response:

Facilities Manager Gowans explained that WTMC is working on fire mitigation by clearing out the undergrowth and debris build up in the WTMC owned greenbelts.

3. Owner question:

When will the Key Card gate be installed at Lakeridge Park?

Staff response:

Facilities Manager Gowans explained the gate project at Lakeridge Park should be completed prior to the beginning of the 2019 Recreation season. He noted that the completion of the project has been partially due to the loss of the Park Manager in late May of this year requiring a shift away from working on projects to dealing with the issues of staffing and the recreational season.

4. Owner question:

Does WTMC do the clearing of trees from power lines on their private roads?

Staff response:

Facilities Manager Gowans explained the general situation on WTMC private roads related to communication lines and power lines locations. That WTMC does clear the trees from the driving tunnel on its roads but PSE are the folks who take care of trimming trees and branches that pose a threat to the power lines.

5. Owner question:

Will there be power and water at both Lakeridge Park and Bankers Spit Park.

Board response:

President Bricker reported that the work for the power drop has been done at Lakeridge Park and we are working on that issue for Bankers. With respect to water at the parks, that issue is more complex and therefore moving more slowly for an answer and resolution.

6. Owner question:
Is WTMC working on removing fences from all greenbelts?

Staff response:

Facilities Manager Gowans clarified that the fence removal work we are undertaking is in WTMC owned greenbelts not homeowner owned greenbelts.

7. Owner comment:
The improvements that Facilities Manager Gowans has made are very impressive. We thank you for your work and efforts.

8. Owner comment:
Our parks are looking very good, thank you for all your hard work.

9. Owner question:
Who do we contact if a streetlight is out?

Staff response:

General Manager Wittmier provided information about gathering the identification numbers from the pole and utilizing the Puget Sound Energy website to directly report the outage. Or you can gather the identification information from the pole and report it to the WTMC Main Office and we will report it to PSE through their website.

10. Owner question:
Can the use of surveillance cameras and our new Key Card system reduce our labor costs?

Board response:

President Bricker that our new Park Manager will be looking into that configuration of staffing and technology to see what and how that might be helpful to WTMC.

11. Owner question:
How can we reduce our labor costs and still get the needs of the organization taken care of?

Board response:

President Bricker and IT Chair Joe Kish noted that work parties are a great way to get things done while reducing direct labor costs, noting that we would love to have your help. We are working on posting planned work parties on the website as well as the use of group email to those of you who sign up for being interested in participating in work parties. Mr. Kish noted that the website has been significantly reworked to address issues that were caused by software changes implemented by our host. The website should be easier to utilize and see/share information on now.