

Results and Responses to Homeowner Survey – January 2023

(Responses from the Board of Directors appear in *italics*)

There were four (4) questions asked which appear in **bold** print below.

Eight (8) homeowners responded to the survey sent out on January 12, 2023

1. Focus for the Board of Directors 2023

-Focus on the park in the open space. (One homeowner)

This area belongs to the Town of Bloomfield and is not part of Sinnott Farm therefore we cannot maintain it, rather we must ask the Town to take care of any issues.

-Lower maintenance fees/efficiently manage funds (Three homeowners)

In an effort to reduce costs, the water has been turned off on all cul-de-sacs; contracts are reviewed at renewal and additional bids sought if prices increase, a practice that will continue; the Board shops for the best rate for electricity and will continue to do so; the budget is reviewed periodically to determine any areas that can be trimmed.

-Ensure that homeowners comply with properly maintaining property as per our Association guidelines. (Three homeowners)

The Board is working with our Property Management company to address these issues and will continue to do so.

-Improve communication with the community. (One homeowner)

The Board fully understands and agrees with the need to communicate. We have reinstated the quarterly newsletter which is emailed as well as posted on the website. Quarterly meeting minutes are being approved via email and posted to the website as soon as possible after the meeting so that the community does not have to wait 3-4 months to read them. The website has been reviewed and information is now up-to-date.

-Do not resurface roads. (One homeowner)

The Paving Committee was formed and is currently working to identify the best option for our community.

2. Projects for the Board of Directors for 2023

-Refurbish the park (One homeowner)

The park is not part of Sinnott Farm, it belongs to the Town of Bloomfield. We cannot make any changes or repairs, we can only request that the Town properly maintain it.

-Create a community garden (One homeowner)

While a nice idea, there are a number of things to consider. Where would the

garden be located and who would create it? In addition, we have disconnected our water system from the MDC so watering is not practical. Considering the obstacles, the Board feels that this is not a viable option for our community.

-Maintain roadways. (One homeowner)

The Paving Committee is investigating the best option for our community.

-Request that the Town repave Ryefield Hollow Drive North (Two homeowners)

The list of streets to be repaved this year will not be out until after the Town budget has passed. We will monitor the Town website for information.

-Clean up fallen branches; beautify cul-de-sacs and areas around street signs (Two homeowners)

Fallen branches will be addressed during spring clean up by SJN and if necessary, we will contact Public Works to address additional issues.

The Beautification Committee has been asked to submit an informal proposal of what they might like to do this year and the Board will review to determine what we are able to support with our budget. The Board is also looking into drought resistant grass for the islands. Lawn Tech has been contracted for fertilization.

-Address homes in need of maintenance per Association guidelines (One homeowner)

The Board is currently working with our Property Manager to address issues and will continue to do so.

Suggestions to Cut Expenses

-None (Six Homeowners) (One homeowner stated that it is important to keep our community safe, comfortable and presentable.)

-Identify largest expenses and investigate alternatives (One homeowner)

The Board recognizes the need to reduce expenses where and when possible and makes every effort to do so by examining contracts, additional bids, and lowest available electricity rates, as well as making use of our website for communication.

-Do only what is necessary – the pond is fine as is. (One homeowner)

No maintenance to the pond is planned at this time.

Use of Website

-Seven of the eight homeowners who responded stated that they have used the website.

-One homeowner said they were unaware we had one.

The website is up-to-date and will be maintained.

<https://sinnottfarm.com/>