

## **Long Range Planning – Status Report**

The Long-Range Planning (LRP) Committee assists the Cinnamon Lake Board in helping to determine the future needs of the Cinnamon Lake community. Not only is it a channel for ideas and suggestions, it also helps put a framework around the ideas to help determine the feasibility and cost effectiveness of the suggested projects.

The LRP group has discussed how best to highlight the projects and the best way to gain feedback during Covid 19 restrictions. Below is a list and description of the current projects the committee is working on:

### **Dress Up the Pond Area:**

Create a handicap friendly path to and partially around the pond, enhance the memorial garden, install a veterans' memorial, make the pond area more appealing, and improve the overall appearance of the pond area. *Why:* The pond area is the first area people see when they enter through the front gate and it should reflect the beauty of our community.

### **Convert Beach Areas into Recreation Areas:**

Turn existing beach areas into park and recreation areas. Make the areas more user friendly. Add components to beautify and enhance user experience. Provide a parklike setting to encourage member use. Enhance access to the lake in a manner that allows picnics and other family gathering opportunities. *Why:* Although still referred to as beaches, only one beach remains in Cinnamon Lake. As the community grows, there is a need for park/recreation areas.

### **Playground Update and Recreation Areas**

The seven (7) areas available for recreational improvement are: Lodge, Nature Trail, Campgrounds, Beach 1 (Recreation Area 1), Beach 3 (Recreation Area 3), Beach 4 (Recreation Area 4), Beach 6 (Recreation 6). The Lodge currently has a playground area with some equipment dating back to the start of our community. The Lodge, Beach 3, and Beach 6, each have a more recent wooden playset installed. The plan proposes to add playground/physical activities to these areas for our growing population to enjoy on a neighborhood level. *Why:* Cinnamon Lake has grown over the last 50 years to be Ashland County's third largest community. The original plan for Cinnamon Lake was to be semi-residential with vacation homes. As the community developed, it moved away from that concept into a community with year-round permanent residences and higher valued homes. Over this transition period, there have been minimal improvements as budgeting restrictions prevented the expansion of the neighborhood common areas.

### **Handicap Friendly Restrooms**

The restrooms are original and need work. Additionally, the restrooms were constructed well before any thought was given to handicap accessibility. The LRP Committee will review each restroom facility and propose changes recommended by the ADA. Areas will be retrofitted one at a time as funding permits. *Why:* Retrofitting our existing community restroom facilities will help accommodate our community's needs.

### **Dry Hydrant System**

We are partnering with the Polk/Jackson Fire Department to identify and install dry hydrant locations around the lake to assist in firefighting within our community. *Why:* Existing water lines are not large enough to install normal fire hydrants. A dry hydrant will allow a pumper truck to pull water out of the lake to assist in firefighting.

### **Cinnamon Lake Dog Park**

Identify a location in the community that can be fenced in for the purpose of creating a dog park with minimal work. The fencing would be 4' to 6' in height (4' is the preference) with a double entry and exit gate. The double gating allows for the dog owner to remove and apply leashing. *Why:* Although many Cinnamon Lake residents have dogs, walk them on the streets, leave them chained outside their homes or have invisible fencing, many would like to have a place to exercise their pets off the leash. Residents of Cinnamon Lake are not permitted to take their dogs to the public beach during the summer months.

### **Digital Archiving of CLA Documents**

Convert boxed, filed and archival CLA documents, such as blue prints, old board minutes and old legal documents, into a digital format. Identify a storage format and prioritize document scanning to prevent loss of historical data. *Why:* A digital format will allow for easier retrieval and help prevent aging documents from becoming unreadable.

Within the limits of the 2021 budget, the Board has given the green light to proceed with the following projects. Although some of these projects are underway, completion in some cases is dependent upon monies available:

### **Road Berming**

The roads in Cinnamon Lake are in poor condition. Even though it is agreed that the roads must be repaired, the community has not agreed to fund a road improvement assessment. Patching occurs wherever possible, but even the patching is subject to water standing on the road after rains or melting snow. When water is not able to flow off the roads, it begins to penetrate the road surface in existing cracks. The winter freeze and melt sequence breaks the road surface even further. Berms, i.e., the ground surface along the roads, have gotten higher than the road surface, trapping the water on the road, exacerbating the problem. *Why:* The berms must be lowered to prolong the life of the roads.

### **Fishing Pier**

Replace the small dock on the north side of the Lodge with a pier that will allow access to the deep waters of the lake for fishing. Allow temporary boat parking at the pier of more than one boat at a time. *Why:* Many community members like to fish, but not from a boat. This would give them an opportunity to fish further into the lake, as well as give other a different perspective to view the lake and Lodge.

**Mail House #1 Parking Area Remodel**

Remove unsightly items in front of the mail house area, increase parking for school drop off/pickup and trail parking. Improve rain water drainage along the road. *Why:* Standing water from heavy rains has been a problem. Being near the main entrance, the vicinity should look beautiful

**Reforestation of Cinnamon Lake**

Select a CLA owned lot, purchase and plant young trees and seedlings on that lot, nurture them and let them grow. Planting tree seedlings (up to young trees) reduces the cost of reforestation and provides healthy specimens to be used in the future. *Why:* Common areas need upkeep. In many common areas, trees have died. Replacing them with mature trees is cost prohibitive. Growing trees from seedlings will provide a low-cost way to maintain trees in CLA common areas and Association owned properties.