

Autumn Hall Landscape Advisory Committee's 8 May 2019 meeting with Rob Gordon, Project Engineer, City of Wilmington. Board and Advisory members attending included Ken Nesbihal, Charles Babington, Ron Lafond, Bob Dawson, Jame Hawthorne, Ray & Wendy Miezin.

Rob Gordon informed us that Mike Brown is preparing the 'proposal for acceptance' paperwork to start the process of turning ownership of Autumn Hall streets over to the City of Wilmington.

Within a month of receiving the paperwork, city engineers will be sent out to assess all 'public' areas, including roads, alleys and sidewalks. The engineers will draw up a punch list of items that the Autumn Hall Developer must address before the city takes ownership. Rob assured us that the results of the assessment would be shared with members of the HOA so that we would have the opportunity to weigh in on any changes that are required. For example, the speed bumps on Dungannon Boulevard will need to be removed before the city takes over, and we would like to ensure that they are not only replaced, but replaced with something that fits in with the aesthetics of our streetscape. Three way intersections may be eligible for "traffic calming" islands similar to ones installed on Tanbridge Road (near Parkside).

Because our street signs and lamp posts are not 'standard', we will need a special agreement which would allow us to continue to use non-standard signs and lamp posts should replacements be needed. Otherwise, they would be replaced with the city standard, which would not conform to our current design.

An agreement will also be required to allow Autumn Hall to take responsibility of landscaping public areas that would usually be the responsibility of the city, so that we can maintain the current standard of care we now have with Wrightsville Beach Landscaping.

The approval process can be done in phases, so that areas that are still being developed will be turned over when most of the development is finished. Old Garden Rd, Tangier Drive, Mound Battery Rd, Orton Point Rd and Dungannon Blvd (except Phase IV) would likely be approved first since there is very little house construction remaining on these streets.

Once the city takes ownership, requests for repairs to roads, alleyways and sidewalks must be addressed to the city. Sidewalks lifted by tree roots that are reported as causing a 'tripping hazard', will be ground down, and the tree causing the hazard may need to be removed by the city with no guarantee of replacement.

Autumn Hall will still be allowed to uphold the current neighborhood restrictions on parking in streets, alleys and other public areas. Any city traffic or parking hazards/violations can be referred to the police for enforcement.

Shell Bridge Pond would still be considered a storm water receptacle. The City would have jurisdiction over pipes feeding the pond while the Master Association would continue maintaining the landscaping and cleaning the pond as it currently does.

Covenants remain enforceable now and after the streets are turned over to the City.

All common areas, parks and ponds remain under private ownership and their use can be restricted to residents only.