

## **Pond Fountain Funding**

### **Background**

There are two water fountains within the ponds of Sunshine Estates golf course. There is one on the fairway of hole number 1, and the other is located within the pond between number 8 and number 9 fairways. The equipment used for these two fountains is combination of older fountain nozzles, floats, and most recently Home Depot sump pumps. The sediment laden pond water often causes the pumps and spray nozzles to not function as designed. Each of these locations has until recently had not been functional. Effort by Lyn Swonger and staff to rebuild these two fountains was recently completed. This effort has resulted in varying degrees of success. The hole number 1 appears to be the most functional of the two units. Consideration of replacing the fountain between hole 8 and 9 however, is being explored, because the fountain operates in only a marginal manner even after rebuilding. Residents have expressed their desire to get this fountain repaired/fixed.

### **Analysis Review of Alternatives**

President Jim Kennedy researched potential commercial equipment that might be used to replace our existing fountain between holes 8 and 9. He contacted "The Pond Guy" via their website and obtained a proposal which would provide a ½ HP motor/pump, with 3 fountain patterns, LED light which can display red, green, blue, and white lights, a mooring kit, and necessary wiring. Also included in this proposal is a "Complete Care Program 5 year The Pond Guy AquaStream extended warranty. A copy of the Quote dated 6/2/202 is attached for reference. It would appear securing equipment designed for the specific purposes of providing fountains for ponds, would be more appropriate than to continue attempting to repair / replace parts from our existing fountain at this location. The material cost shown in the attached quote is \$3,279.

### **Fiscal Analysis**

Equipment within the pond is part of the Golf Course. One might argue the ponds are "common ground" and might fall within Neil Morehead area, however, it felt this is an unreasonable position to make this argument. When the pond project was undertaken, the funding for this effort was under the Golf Course budget. Sand traps, cart paths, and our ponds are integrated in what we call a golf course. A request was made to fund this fountain using money appropriated for Streets and Common Areas, (Neil Morehead area), since it was argued "funding is more available in this area". This would, however, be inconsistent with the intent and standard accounting practices associated with budgeting and its reporting requirements. Expenditures need to be accounted for within the designated line items with our Budget for 2020.

This new fountain equipment can be purchased, assuming funding can be made available by reducing other line items in the Golf Course, and / or recognizing this proposed unexpected \$3,279 expenditure will not cause SEPO total budget to be exceeded by \$20,000, at the end of the fiscal/calendar year. If authorized by the Board, the expenditure must be placed in the Golf Course section of our 2020 Budget, as recommended by the Treasure of SEPO.

**Recommendation/ Conclusion**

The SEPO Board can authorize expenditures to replace the existing fountain between holes 8 and 9 by passing a motion to do so. The Treasure will identify this expenditure under the Golf Course. The Board must also recognize this unplanned expenditure will have a negative impact on the requirement in our Bylaws that the Board cannot exceed our total SEPO budget by more than \$20,000 in total. Savings in other Areas of Responsibilities may well cover this issue, and each Director should try to reduce their anticipated expenditures to accommodate this \$3,279 unplanned expense.

Prepared by Tony Tramel

SEPO Secretary

Attachments:

Quotation

Images of Fountains from "Pond Guy Web Site"

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June 3, 2020

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Product Labels and SDS may be downloaded at <a href="http://www.thepondguy.com">www.thepondguy.com</a>					
Qty	I/O	Item #	Description	Unit Price	Amount
1		KIT-652857	The Pond Guy AquaStream Combo 100' Cord RGBW 4 Light Set & 1/2 HP Fountain	\$2879.96	\$2879.96
1		652734	Airmax RGBW LED 4 Light Set No Cord	\$0.00	\$0.00
1		652646	Airmax LTD Light Cord 100' 16/2 w/ Disconnect	\$0.00	\$0.00
1		652599	The Pond Guy AquaStream 3 Pattern Fountain No Cord	\$0.00	\$0.00
1		651376	Airmax Fountain Cord 100' 16/2 w/ Disconnect	\$0.00	\$0.00
1		651052	Fountain Flooring KB 150'	\$93.95	\$93.95
1		CCP AQUASTREAM 3 YR	Complete Care Program 5 Year The Pond Guy AquaStream Optional extended warranty	\$299.99	\$299.99
				Misc. Charges/Additional Handling:	\$ 0.00
				Merchandise Quotation Total:	\$ 3279.96
				Sales Tax:	\$ 0.00
				Shipping:	\$ 0.00
				Quotation Total:	\$ 3279.96

Thank You!

Still have questions? Talk to a pond expert at 866-766-3435, email us at [pondhelp@thepondguy.com](mailto:pondhelp@thepondguy.com) or visit us online at [www.thepondguy.com](http://www.thepondguy.com)



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