

St. Martin of Tours Buildings and Grounds Committee

The building and grounds committee met and discussed the following landscape changes to be made to the parish property.

1. To make the church visible from the approach road on Morgan St. it was decided to lift the tree canopy 15 feet by Morgan and Harrison. This will involve pruning back the lower branches of several oak and pine trees in that area. The pampas grass would also be removed.
2. The paper dumpsters by the parking lot entrance will be moved to the back lot.
3. To give an open view of the front of the church, the two 25 foot evergreen trees will be removed, the trees have grown too large and are hiding the church, they will be replaced with approved shrubs or small trees recommended by a landscape architect.
4. The Plexiglas storm windows on the church front have become clouded over the years and are no longer clear. We are getting estimates for their replacement.
5. A second handicapped ramp in front of the church will be installed to make it easier for elderly and wheelchair people coming from the west parking lot. A railing matching the east ramp will be installed. This project has been funded by a parishioner.
6. The front church steps going down to Harrison St. will have the railings replaced to match the railings by the church front doors. The two bushes on either side of the steps will be removed and replaced with approved landscaping.
7. The 6 over grown yew bushes in the cemetery will be removed, because they have gotten too large and are growing over tombstones. The under growth along the road to the cemetery and the property edge surrounding the upper cemetery will be cleared.
8. Directional arrow signs at both entrances will be installed to create a correct traffic flow. They will display "Enter to Worship" and "Exit to Serve".
9. There is a study to replace the "St. Martins Church" sign on the end of Sexton Hall with a standalone sign in front of the church. The sign would have a brick surround with a 4 x 8 sign unit to be determined. The sign could have changeable letters or preferably be a digital unit. The sign on Sexton Hall would then be removed and have its name "Sexton Hall" with raised letters on the side of the building like the letters currently on the front.
10. The lighting fixtures in the church offices and east vestibule are dated and dim so we are looking to replace them with new brighter LED lighting.

Any questions or for those wanting to give memorial gifts to St. Martin of Tours for these projects please call Mark at 765-315-8859.

God Bless