



December 3, 2018

To: Board of Directors and Members
Subject: CDM Sports Field Status Report
From: Park Committee

The Park Committee and Chris Mello of Cresta Verde have been dealing with the decline of the large pine tree in the park for months. It turned completely brown very quickly earlier this year. It was not a slow-moving process. When a tree fails at an extremely quick rate, it is usually a disease not a pest. The soil born pathogen that killed the other Pine is probably the reason for this Pine's decline. Cresta Verde did not pull a new soils report, but rather treated it in approximately during July and August, like the other Pine trees at the A, B and C Street entrances.

This treatment was to see if the decline could be stopped or corrected. It has been in a holding pattern for the last three months, not getting better or worse. Cresta Verde has, at no cost to the HOA, given a few different treatments to see if they could push recovery. Nothing has helped. Chris Mello, of Cresta Verde Landscape, provided the Board with a proposal for the tree's removal which was approved at October's HOA Board meeting. When Chris Mello and the Park Committee examined the tree on November 19th, a slight improvement was noted, although not enough to justify spending money to treat it again. The Park Committee recommended to the Board that we continue to monitor the tree's status to see if it starts to recover before deciding to remove it. At the HOA meeting on December 3, the Committee recommended, and the Board agree to defer the removal of the pine tree for several months.

Over the last two months, the Park Committee and Chris Mello of Cresta Verde have been working on a comprehensive plan to plant new trees in the park, including replacement trees if the pine tree cannot be saved. Seven locations for new trees have been mapped with a GPS system. We are just finishing up on the tree species and will present a proposal to the board at the January HOA meeting.

Funding for new park trees will need to be determined. Cresta Verde has offered to donate some of the specialty products for use during installs. Some funds for the replacement trees may be able to come out of budgeted tree replacement reserve funds. Some homeowners have offered to contribute to the cost of new park trees, as well. A campaign to request donations is being considered so that the size and number of trees can be increased to gain shade and look of maturity sooner than with standard 36-inch box trees.

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