

BLACK DUCK POND ENTRANCE

The developer of Black Duck put the beautiful landscaping in but the land is actually owned by the city. Due to the developer putting in trees that were not right for the area, the removal of the dying pines was necessary. Jim and Laurie Gruber have removed the remaining dead shrubs, and weeded, trimmed and pruned what is left.

We may be able to get some of the area nurseries to donate towards the replacement trees and shrubs in the fall. The estimated cost to replace those trees, Potatillas, Spireas and the two maples that went down in the wind may be around \$2000. We also are looking at some ornamental grasses for a few spaces where the shrubs died as well as more appropriate shrubs. We would only look to put in that space what the nurseries are sure will survive so we do not have to do this again.

It really is not fair to ask all village residents to pay for something that is in our subdivision and appreciated by so many who live there. Therefore, we are looking for donations as well as volunteers to help weed and trim. Donations can be made and delivered to the village hall. Any questions, please contact Laurie Gruber at 100 Pintail Dr. Hammond or call her at 715-579-3297.