

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
of
Deerfield Village Property Owners' Association, Inc.

A meeting of the board of directors of Deerfield Village Property Owners' Association, Inc. was held on July 8, 2008, at 24 Pathfinder Court, Deerfield Village, Shepherdstown. There were present the directors as follows: Jim Bauer, Steve Campbell, Debbie Crouse, Andrea Longnecker, Jimmy Williamson and Paul Wilmoth. Tom Miller was absent. Additionally, homeowners Pattie Wilmoth and Charlene attended the meeting.

Paul called the meeting to order. Debbie read the minutes of both the June 3rd regular meeting and the June 17th special meeting. The minutes were approved as read with Debbie making a couple minor corrections. Debbie reported that the Streets and Grounds Committee had received three requests which will be reviewed soon.

During the officers' reports, Jimmy stated that he had e-mailed the treasurers' report to all. (He later e-mailed a corrected report stating we have \$927.30 in regular checking which is attached.) The money market account has \$8,761.25 as of June 30th. The budget versus actual expenditures report shows that the price of gas is taking its toll on us.

During Old or Unfinished Business, Charlene reported that Jefferson County Commission has been asked by the homeowners of eleven subdivisions to appoint council to intervene with Jefferson Utilities request to increase the water rates. Jefferson Utilities is asking that any legal decisions are made for the group as one body, not eleven separate ones. Charlene was asked to continue to inform the board of news on this matter.

Jimmy voiced his concern over the shape the mower is often found. Not only has it been returned not cleaned nor filled with gas, but also it is missing parts and left on full throttle. The association still owes \$3,059 on the mower. He and Debbie are concerned that the mower will not last until it is paid off. He recommended re-training on the mower. The Board supported this action and dates and times will be e-mailed to everyone who mows.

The rain barrel guidelines have not been finalized. Debbie volunteered to prepare the final document to be presented at the next meeting. Mosquito control will be included. Jimmy recommended that we inform the association that the guidelines will be discussed, presented, and most likely approved at the next meeting.

Jimmy volunteered to install the security camera at the mail/bus shelter above the bulleting board.

During New Business, Paul initiated the nomination of two new board members to fill the vacancies created by Bill Krumenacker and Rob Noll. Charlene and Pattie were nominated, seconded, and unanimously approved to serve the remainder of the terms until the annual meeting in March.

Paul nominated Debbie as president. It was the feeling of the entire Board that Debbie would make an excellent president. To ensure she would not be overburdened, the board would assume the responsibilities she had as chairperson of the Streets and Grounds Committee. The motion was seconded by Jimmy and unanimously passed. Jimmy recommended that a notice or explanation be set to association members and the request for changes form be corrected. Steve Campbell nominated Pattie as secretary for the remainder of the term. The motion was seconded by Paul and was unanimously approved.

Paul introduced the idea of 're-grouping' for Deerfield Village in light of the changes and challenges we have faced lately. He suggested we get a post office box for \$42.00 annually to insure delivery of the mail to one secure place. Debbie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Jimmy suggested that we re-vamp the committees. Debbie recommended that the committees have meeting and set goals for the year. Jimmy stated that it is the responsibility of the Board to look out for the good of Deerfield Village, not simply cater to individual requests. The members felt this subject merits more attention at the next meeting. Andrea offered to get prizes for possible gift baskets for new neighbors. She will work with the social committee to finalize the idea.

Under the topic of tree guidelines, Jimmy stated that trees planted in lines or rows on property lines create a visual barrier and change the open character of Deerfield Village. Several board members voiced agreement with him during the discussion. It was the conclusion of the Board that tree guidelines need to be developed with the input of the community.

Paul explained a recent ground hog problem at his home. Pattie was thankful that Tom and Jimmy were available to put an end to the pest. Paul volunteered to borrow a "Have a Heart" trap to try to take away some of the ground hogs.

Under Good and Welfare section, Andrea reported that the social committee had met, but no activities had occurred yet this year. She will report future social plans at the next meeting.

Andrea discussed the problems that had occurred already in the brief time the new renters had occupied the house on Lot 17. Cars parked in the grass, trash in the yard, and barking dogs tied outside have all been noticed by many. It was decided that the renters should be welcomed and contact information be gathered. Paul said he would talk to their leasing agent about our concerns.

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5th at the Campbell's home.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried, it was adjourned.

Patricia Wilmoth, Secretary