

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
Of
Deerfield Village Property Owners' Association

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of Deerfield Village Property Owners' Association was held on September 1, 2009, at 47 Field Crest Court, Deerfield Village, Shepherdstown, WV. There were present the directors as follows: Terry Bauer, Steve Campbell, Debbie Crouse, Andrea Longnecker, Betinna Maher, Tom Miller, and Jimmy Williamson. Pattie Wilmoth and Paul Wilmoth were absent. Also present was Jim Bauer.

Terry called the meeting to order. Jim read the regular August meeting minutes. The August minutes were approved as read. Debbie reported that the Finance Committee will soon be starting the budget process. Steve reported that the Rules and Policy Committee is putting all minutes since the beginning of the Association into a searchable database. The database will enable the board to research past decisions and help maintain consistency in future decisions. Betinna reported that there were no new request submitted to the Streets and Grounds Committee. Andrea reported that members of the Social Committee had met the new owners of lot 2 and had left the form for contact information. The Social Committee will be bringing the new neighbors dinner.

Terry reported that she had received an email from a resident expressing concern over a house with unmowed grass, a grill in the front and a tent in the back yard. This property is currently being rented. Terry called the home owner. The problems were resolved the next day. Terry said she will be sending an email to all homeowners asking for help keeping the neighborhood clean and looking good.

Jimmy sent out the financial report to the board members prior to the meeting (report is attached.) He indicated that the total is off slightly, probably less than \$1.00, due to the interest pay day. He has not yet received the bill for the new mini-barn. He also reported that a donation has been made to the Shepherdstown Fire Department.

Under old business, Betinna reported that the mini-barn has been delivered and put into place. The barn has a key lock but she is going to get a combination pad lock. She is planning on putting plants around the building and is waiting for more optimal planting weather. Several board members provided suggestions for plants. Betinna will visit local nurseries during the fall sales and develop a planting plan.

It was reported that Paul sprayed the waling path with herbicide and that he went around with a skid behind a 4-wheeler to remove the dead weeds. He had to go around several times.

Betinna presented samples of signs to be posted to remind residents to clean-up after their dogs. The signs will be posted under the stop signs on each street. It is felt that this is a good attempt by the board to address the problem of dog waste. Steve made a motion to purchase the "green" sign. Debbie seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Under new business, Terry reported that she received an email from Debbie indicating that home owners have been inquiring about having the entire orchard mowed. Terry requested that anyone with concerns or suggestions should contact her directly. So far, no one has come forward.

Betinna suggested scheduling another work day. She would like to begin removing the vines that are growing up many of the trees and clearing the thorns and brambles. She suggested the day after Thanksgiving. Betinna also suggested beginning to trim trees in January and again in March if necessary. Terry asked Debbie about Adopt a Spot road clean-up dates. Debbie didn't have dates but thought that it should be in September or October. Steve asked about the cherry trees and what could be done with them. They need to be trimmed and several are dead or dying. There was some discussion about replacing trees. Terry suggested that a plan be developed and presented to the entire community. Betinna suggested starting to move saplings that are growing in parts of the orchard and then having an "adopt a tree" as a way of getting residents to take care of newly planted trees.

Steve reported that a new newsletter will be coming out soon but that it has been a slow news year.

There was discussion on the amount of gas used for mowing. Jimmy said that the Association has spent less than last year but there are probably some people that have not turned in receipts. He also said that there are some homeowners that do not request reimbursement.

Tom reminded the board that by October, they should be getting bids for the snow plowing.

Under Good and Welfare, Terry asked the board to remind residents about speeding. School is back in session and kids will be waling to and from the bus stop.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 7:00 on Tuesday, October 6th at Debbie's home.

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

Jim Bauer