

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors
of
Deerfield Village Property Owner's Association

A meeting of the board of directors of Deerfield Village Property Owners' Association was held on July 10 at 40 Mossy Oak Court, Deerfield Village, Shepherdstown. There were present the directors as follows: Kristin Bachtell, Austin Hovermale, Trudi Tooke, Paul Wilmoth, Clint Chiplinski, Sydney Lewis and Debbie Crouse. JC McSwain and Devin McCreery and were absent. There were no general members in attendance.

Trudi called the meeting to order and Kristin read the minutes for the May meeting that were approved with one correction to the attendance from last month.

The Finance Committee stated that they needed to meet with Austin to plan for the annual meeting. The Rules and Policies Committee had no violations to report.

The streets and grounds committee had no new news to report.

The social committee had no new business to report.

During the President's Officer's Report Trudi stated that the stars for the safe houses had been passed out along with letters. She reiterated that this system has had great success in other neighborhoods and was very happy that this has been implemented. Trudi then brought up the concerns over found beer cans and lumber in the last cul-de-sac. She suggested that when people come home at night that they could drive down to the last cul-de-sac to do a spot check. One other suggestion included placing a sign for "authorized personnel only" on the cul-de-sac, but it was agreed that this would most likely not deter the offenders and perhaps deter potential homebuyers.

Trudi brought up several homeowners concerns about the how the front entrance to the neighborhood looks and the possibility of building a more established entrance. Members of the board explained that this would need to be approved by the county planning commission and would also require a variance. Individuals were also concerned with how to pay for this improvement. Members of the community had also mentioned to Trudi the idea of building a picnic shelter in the common area for the neighborhood to use. Members of the board commented that this would bring with it security and insurance issues as well as increase our taxes and would require a variance. Trudi suggested that the neighborhood could sponsor a community wide yard sale where $\frac{1}{4}$ of the profits could go to help a community project. The board thought this would be a good idea and are looking for someone to chair this endeavor for the fall.

Trudi then brought up neighborhood concerns about the orchard and when we would trim dead or dying trees. Members agreed that this was not the appropriate

season to trim trees, but suggested that if a neighborhood member saw a dead tree or branch that it would be a good idea to place an orange ribbon around it or spray paint it with orange paint. This way when we do have neighborhood work days in late October and November we will know what needs to be cut and trimmed.

Trudi then volunteered to organize a phone tree for the neighborhood with an accompanying text list as an easier way to remind everyone of events in the neighborhood. Trudi ended her report by stating that she would not be able to attend the August meeting and possibly would miss September's meeting as well.

Kristin stated in the Secretary's report that she had paid the WV Business Registration for the POA last month and had the accompanying receipt for the official records. She also stated that she would miss the August meeting.

The treasurer was not at the July meeting and Kristin stated that she would make sure to get the Treasurer's Report for the official record.

Under Old and Unfinished Business Debbie said that she would renew our Highway Adopt A Spot membership for the next two years. She stated she would also plan a date to clean the roadside for the fall when it is cooler. Paul stated that he had discussed the possibility of terracing the path with two professionals, one who walked the entire path. Neither could guarantee that their work could control erosion if it rained hard enough. The board concluded that the best option is to schedule a community work day to fix the path if a storm causes problems. Paul also stated that he worked on the lawn mower and that he would check to see if Mike had placed new sign in sheets in the shed.

Paul volunteered to have the next meeting at his home, 24 Pathfinder Court, on August 7, 2012 at 7 pm.

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

Kristin Bachtell, Secretary