## **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 November 4, 2014, at 24 Pathfinder Court, Deerfield Village, Shepherdstown. There were present the directors as follows: Mike Bass, Jim Bauer, Kirk Bottner and Paul Wilmoth. Don Barth, Debbie Crouse, Sidney Lewis, Devin McCreery and J.C. McSwain were absent. Woodie Diamond was present, and Pattie Wilmoth was present as the substitute secretary.

Paul called the meeting to order. Pattie presented the minutes for the October meeting that were approved as corrected.

During the committee reports, Social Committee Chair, Mike Bass, reported that he is beginning the plans for the children's candy cane walk for the Christmas season activity. Kirk stated that he had spoken with owners or adults of lots 2, 24 and 28 about practicing the leash law for Jefferson County when walking with their dogs outside. He received a good response from each individual. He also called the complainants to inform them of his progress.

During Old or Unfinished Business, Paul shared that he had gotten no response from the large tree removal company about doing the removal of dead trees in phases. Pennington Tree Company would do the work in phases, but wanted \$20 per tree. That is almost double what the larger company would charge. Paul said he would check with the village's insurance agent about allowing individuals to come into the orchard to cut trees.

Kirk had emailed the final proposed Arboreal Policy to board members prior to the meeting. Since there were not enough members present, the policy will be voted on at the December meeting. Jim stated that he was very pleased with the results of the WV Forestry Grant. We received 24 trees that were planted, mulched and staked. The volunteers also installed the "Gator Bags" which were filled with water. He shared that he had no problem coming up with enough in-kind work from volunteers to have the grant at no cost to the village. One of the Forestry Department representatives took photos that he shared with Jim, who then sent them to Jimmy Williamson for the village website. The village may apply for another grant in the spring.

During New Business, Paul announced that Devin would be preparing the annual budget for approval at the next meeting.

Under Good and Welfare section, Paul said he would ask J.C. if she wanted to host the next meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jim volunteered to host if needed. There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was adjourned.

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Pattie Wilmoth, Substitute Secretary