

Deerfield Village Property Owners' Association, Inc.

Minutes of Annual Meeting 2014

The annual meeting of Deerfield Village Property Owners' Association, Inc. was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 24 Pathfinder Court, Deerfield Village, Shepherdstown, WV. The meeting was called to order by president Paul Wilmoth. Substitute secretary Pattie Wilmoth read the minutes of last year's annual meeting that were approved as read.

As part of the annual reports, Paul shared that all monthly board meetings had been held. He thanked all of the village volunteers who helped with activities this year, especially Jimmy Williamson for his work on the website. He mentioned that forty trees had been planted, some by the association and some as a donation by Wilmoth Construction Co., Inc. The Department of Highways officials had reassessed the entrance to the village and reported that it does meet the safety requirements. Also, new this past year was the first development-wide yard sale organized by Peachy Staley which was a big success.

Treasurer Devin McCreery shared the financial statement (attached). No longer having to pay taxes to the county was a big win for the village. He discussed how the dying trees and the eventual need for road repair were "the big elephants in the room". Our dues have slowly increased each year to add to the funds for capital expenses like the lawn mower. He and Financial Committee Chairperson Clint Chiplinski recommend that the board plan for the special assessment needed to begin saving for road repairs. Devin explained the handout on scenarios for road financing (attached).

Rules and Policy Chairperson Austin Hovermale reported that there were no official complaints that had to be dealt with this year and that the pranks from outsiders in the fall seemed to have stopped. No loitering had been noticed at all on the last cul-de-sac since the first house had been constructed and was occupied now. Speeding has continued to be a problem that needs to be dealt with individually.

Head of Streets and Grounds Committee Debbie Crouse said only two requests for exterior changes or improvements had been submitted this past year. The village did participate in the Department of Highways' Adopt-A-Spot program this past year. She encouraged all to help keep the village clean by picking up litter or working on limb cutting, especially around the trail. She also encouraged new owners to be trained on the associations' mower by contacting Paul.

Social Committee co-chair Mike Bass reported that five new families had received a welcome basket. He encouraged anyone who had an idea for a future community event to be a part of the social committee.

Jimmy Williamson reported that the website was begun in 2006. He would appreciate more input from not only board members, but also property owners since the website is available to all.

Under New Business, Pattie called the official roll to determine those eligible to vote. There were twenty-two households present and three represented by proxy. Paul asked if there were any nominations from the floor to be added to the ballot. The results of the vote (attached) that elected members for a one year term were as follows: Don Barth, Mike Bass, Kirk Bottner, Jim Bauer, Debbie Crouse, Sidney Lewis, Devin McCreery, Jane "JC" McSwain and Paul Wilmoth.

A new directory was given to each household present along with a village map that had been prepared by Sidney Lewis.

Austin explained the proposed matching fund arboreal policy that the board had discussed to encourage property owners to plant trees near their homes and/or common ground. Then Jim Bauer explained the grant from the Department of Forestry that he completed for matching funds to plant trees. Much of the money can be earned as credit for the labor involved in planting. The village is waiting for approval.

Under Good and Welfare section of the agenda, Debbie mentioned that major work needs to be done on the trail in the spring and that a work day would be scheduled. Dog owners were reminded to pick up after their pets. Paul thanked everyone who had signed up for one or more committees on the sheet that had been circulating, plus for all that had made the effort to attend the meeting after the snowy day!

There being no further business, upon a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Pattie Wilmoth, Substitute Secretary