

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 January 3, 2016 at 21 Blossom View Court, Deerfield Village, Shepherdstown, WV. There were present the directors as follows: Don Barth, Kirk Bottner, Erdem Ergin, Sidney Lewis, Heather Thorn and Mike Vaeth. Mike Bass, Debbie Crouse and Janie McSwain were absent. Paul Wilmoth was present as developer, and Pattie Wilmoth was present as the substitute secretary. Association members in attendance were Amy Campbell, Clint Chiplinski and Joan Ergin.

President Mike Vaeth called the meeting to order. Pattie read the December minutes that were approved after one correction was made.

In the committee reports, Kirk reported that he would check for a current license and registration on a car that has been parked on Field Crest Court for a lengthy time. The Board agreed that the holiday event held at Ian Smith's home in December was very successful. Many of the property owners attended and enjoyed the food and beverages. It was suggested that a thank you note be mailed to him expressing the Board's gratitude.

As part of the officers' reports, Pattie reported that Janie had prepared all of the dues letters and that she had mailed them last week. The letter states that dues need to be paid by February 1st. After a discussion, it was decided that Erdem will report at the next meeting on February 7th if there are any delinquent association members. Past due notices will be sent immediately explaining the charge if dues were not paid on time. Erdem reviewed the financial report (attached). Kirk reported that his message had not been returned when seeking budget information on the charge for the new mowing contract.

There was no Old or Unfinished Business.

Under the New Business section, the explanation of how trees were selected for removal was explained by Sidney. He spent much time walking and viewing the orchard from different directions. He chose one hundred of the worst "seriously dead" trees. He was encouraged by Tanner to submit another grant, this one shorter, to replace a dozen trees from previous plantings that had failed to thrive.

A discussion was held about the possibility of holding the annual meeting in a public place, like the Town Run Brewery, verses holding it in a private residence. It was felt that attendance would be better if the meeting were held here. Heather volunteered to survey the village by email to find out who was planning to attend the annual meeting and who might be interested in hosting it.

Pattie surveyed the members present as to their willingness to be listed on the ballot for another term on the board. The following members agreed to run again: Kirk, Mike, Erdem, Sidney, and Janie (with Pattie as substitute secretary when needed). Clint voiced a desire to return to the board. There are a few other villagers who have expressed an interest and will be contacted by Pattie in the next couple weeks.

A general discussion took place concerning the turn-out at the public meetings by Deerfield Village owners in opposition to the redistricting that Jefferson County Schools has presented for public opinion. The facts had been emailed to the Village by Steve and Amy Campbell. Carolyn Vigil responded with a letter to which villagers were given the opportunity to add their names in support of keeping Deerfield Village in the Shepherdstown school district, rather than moving it to T. A. Lowery district. Many, many families not only added their names, but also wrote their own letters and attended one or more of the public meetings. Amy commented how proud she was of the village for pulling together to have our voice heard against the redistricting proposals. The Board of Education will be meeting in January to determine if any changes will actually be made.

Clint voiced a concern about the trash dumpster that has been parked in the road on Rolling Green Court during the construction of a house on Lot 31. He feels it blocks the road and should be removed before bad weather. Other villagers mentioned how much trash never seems to make it to the dumpster and dirt that has been left on the road. Mike V. said he would check out the situation and make a call to the owner/developer.

Under Good and Welfare section, Heather offered to hold the February meeting at her home. There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was adjourned.

Pattie Wilmoth, Substitute Secretary