

Devenger Special Tax District  
Meeting Minutes, July 8, 2008, 7:00 PM. Foxcroft Clubhouse

DSTD Members present: David Fowlkes, Norman Kirkwood, Liz Powers and Bain Stewart.  
DSTD Members absent: Randy Hull

Other Attendees:

Randy Price, Brian Narowski, Jack Kramer, Kathy Kramer, Tom Henderson, Holland Lawson, Joe Golub, Tim Crammer, Terri Anderson, Susan Lyness, Shaun Stinchcomb and Shannon Stinchcomb.

Minutes

1. Welcomed both Norman Kirkwood and Bain Stewart to the Board for their 3 year term.
2. Approved minutes from the April 8, 2008 meeting, unanimously\* (\* by all DSTD Board Members in attendance. Randy Hull was absent and hence did not vote.)
3. Holland Lawson was asked if he was ready to give an update on getting power and water to the East Hills and Devenger Place entrances. He deferred at this time and the matter will be shelved until he has final numbers to submit. .
4. The new Board members agreed to have their names and email addresses' provided to Larry Sabo, as he is the administrator of the Devenger Website, in order to update the contacts for the DSTD Board Members.
5. It was noted that both Randy Hull and Liz Powers will have their current terms on the Board expire 5/31/2009.
6. The DSTD Board voted unanimously\* to withdraw approval for any additional expenditures relative to the Architectural Committee's plans for the Family Center. The amount approved was not to exceed \$12.5K and expenditures of \$4,160.61 have been approved and spent to secure the actual plans.
7. The treasurer's report for the second quarter of 2008 was reviewed and approved unanimously\* by the Board.
8. The DSTD Board voted unanimously\* to raise the Deputies wages to \$25.00/hr in order to be competitive with other neighborhoods in the area. Also by doing so it is hoped that Deputy Wayne Campbell will be able to find another deputy to work so that our staffing in this area will once again be up to normal.
9. The DSTD Board voted unanimously\* to approve the continuation of Randy Price as maintaining the function of Treasury reporting, budgeting as well as paying DSTD

approved bills. He does this with no compensation and we are fortunate to have him volunteer his services.

10. The DSTD Board voted unanimously\* to approve Randy Hull as new Chairman of the Board for the DSTD, succeeding David Fowlkes, who will retain the position of Treasurer. As two positions on the DSTD Board will come up for renewal 5/31/2009, perhaps at that time other current or new Board members will consider running for one of these positions.
11. The DSTD Board had voted unanimously by email to approve new filters for the pool totaling \$6,525.00. A copy of that invoice was passed around to all members present at this meeting for review.
12. The DSTD Board had voted unanimously by email to approve payment of \$125.00 for replacement of a solenoid at Devenger Place Entranceway to control the sprinkler system located there. That bill was received after the books closed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2008 and will appear in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter expenses.
13. The DSTD Board voted unanimously\* to allow expenses of \$250 or less to be approved by at least one officer (COB or Treas.) and one Board member in order to expedite work in unusual circumstances. The total expenditures is not to exceed \$500 in any one calendar year and all expenditures will be covered with the rest of the Board at the quarterly meetings if not before.
14. The DSTD Board voted unanimously\* to approve spending \$250 (the insurance deductible) in order to repair the fence at the tennis courts. The Devenger Family Center Treasurer filed a claim and received a check for \$350 from the insurance company. That check will be endorsed and given to the DSTD to be deposited. That check and the \$250 approved by the DSTD will go to repair the fence as we currently have a quote totaling \$600 from Straight-Line Fence for the work.
15. The DSTD Board voted unanimously\* to continue the proposed new contract with Envirocare Landscape Management which reflects an increase in monthly services from \$375 to \$525. Other services such as the twice a year planting of annuals at certain entranceways and delivery of mulch will also increase. After several DSTD Board members talked to other companies it was decided that we should continue with Envirocare and if need be we can get out of the contract with a 30 day notice.
16. An expenditure of \$42.34 was made during the quarter in order to reimburse a DSTD Board Member who purchased 2 bags of Fire Ant killer and disbursed it on the common area around the pool, basketball courts and playground due to complaints about bites.
17. The DSTD Board voted unanimously\* to spend up to \$600 for three new tennis court nets. Tom Henderson has a contact that should be able to secure these at wholesale.
18. The DSTD Board voted unanimously\* to hold the next meeting of the DSTD at the Devenger Family Center instead of at Foxcroft.

19. There was a suggestion from the audience that we consider having a sealant applied to the parking lot at the pool/basket ball court/ tennis courts in order to extend the life of the parking lot. I would like to ask that perhaps a board member or someone familiar with the type work look into getting a bid so that we would know how much that process would cost as well as the expected life of such work.
  
20. The DSTD Board voted unanimously\* to reimburse Tom Henderson, a resident, who provided his time and equipment and only charged us for the white paint which he used to repaint all the parking lines and speed bumps in the parking lot. The amount was under \$45.00.  
Along those same lines, both Kathy and Jack Kramer painted areas bright yellow on the sidewalks that have raised concrete and thus have caused people to trip and fall. Our thanks go out to them for their time and labor.
  
21. It was brought up by the Chairman of the Board to the audience, and specifically to those attendees that were on the Devenger Family Center Board, that in order for us to forecast a realistic budget for 2009, we need to know if there are items or issues that they may anticipate asking the DSTD to fund. While everyone knows that we cannot anticipate a pool pump needing to be replaced, there may be affordable items on their agenda that they expect to be addressed in 2009 that may require a request to the DSTD Board for money. We ask that any such items be shared with the DSTD Board so that, if approved, we can budget for such expenditures.
  
22. It was also brought up by the Chairman of the Board that although we are not suggesting that there be an increase today in either the Uniform Service Charge or in the millage rates, the increased expenditures noted and approved at this meeting for Deputies and Landscaping are evidence that a request may not be far off. Everyone's expenses are increasing with today's economy and gas prices. It makes sense to assume that the expenses for the DSTD will continue to increase too.  
Most Special Tax Districts that are contemplating increases have already submitted requests to the Greenville County Council so that if approved, (it requires three readings at County Council Meetings before it can be approved) they can get that funding at the start of 2009. Otherwise, if the DSTD Board waits too long to address this issue and make a request, it will be 2010 before any increases will be realized in terms of income for the DSTD. I am suggesting that going another 18 months without the possibility of an increase might place our current savings "cushion" at risk if we have a sizable and unexpected expense pop up. If it is decided by the DSTD Board members that an increase is needed, there will be a meeting that the community can attend and voice opinions before a decision is made and before making any request of the County Council. If we move in that direction I am sure that such a meeting will be well attended.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Next Meeting Date

October 14, 2008 at 7:00 PM at the Devenger Clubhouse