

Devenger Special Tax District
Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2008, 7:00 PM. Devenger Family Center Porch

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

Other Attendees:

Randy Price, Holland Lawson, Joe Golub, Terri Anderson, Shiobhan Tortora, Greg Powers, Stanley Ross, Susan Lyness, Tim Cramer, Jessica Marke and Estell Ross.

Minutes

1. Randy Hull read a summary of the responsibilities, as posted on the Greenville County Website, of the Devenger Special Tax District (DSTD).
2. Approved minutes from the July 8, 2008 meeting, unanimously* (* by all DSTD Board Members that were in attendance at that meeting. Randy Hull was absent and hence did not vote.)
3. Confirmed that all DSTD Board members now have their email contact information posted on the “Devengerplace.org” web site courtesy of Larry Sabo, web master.
4. Confirmed that Deputy Wayne Campbell was able to secure a second deputy, Chris Miller, who is a homicide investigator, as our second security officer for the community and that both are being paid \$25.00/hour. The DSTD Board also voted unanimously to award a Christmas bonus to the deputies amounting to \$50 to Wayne Campbell and \$25 to Chris Miller, based on the length of time worked in 2008.
5. Confirmed that 2 current board members have terms that expire 5/31/2009.
6. Received an update on the replacement of the damaged fence at the tennis courts. Straight Line Fence Company has not been able to locate a 10 foot long piece of fencing and says that to purchase a full roll would cost \$600, which is the amount of the total quote yet does not include labor, and therefore they continue search for the 10 feet section they need to complete the job.
It was also pointed out that the tennis nets that were purchased have not been installed as the winches needed to install them are rusted and not usable. Bain Stewart verified some costs via web sites and it was approved unanimously that he could arrange to purchase the needed winches at a cost not exceed \$120, which still falls within the original amount approved for the nets. That expenditure was initially approved at \$600 and we only spent \$480.09.
7. The treasurer’s report for the third quarter of 2008 was reviewed and approved unanimously by the Board. This also included the 2009 budget.

8. The audited financial statements for the year ending 12/31/2007, that were completed by Bradshaw, Gordon and Clinkscales, LLC, were unanimously approved.
9. The DSTD Board voted unanimously to allow all DSTD Board meeting agendas and minutes be posted on the Devengerplace.org web site for the community to view. However, Randy Hull- Chairman of the DSTD stated that he would prefer not to post the financial information on the web site. That information will be provided to residents upon request.
10. The DSTD Board agreed that 3 members (Hull, Powers and Stewart) will secure bids on having at least 2 trees removed from the playground/common area and to burn or remove other brush that is located in the vicinity. It was also suggested that we need to think about putting down more play safe material in the playground area as the material that was put down 2 years ago is nearly depleted. It was agreed to put this off until it gets closer to Spring.
11. Bain Stewart submitted a proposal from Carolina Landscape Concepts LLC in order to consider that they take over the landscape management of the community which is currently handled by Envirocare Landscape. The owner of Carolina Landscape is a resident of Devenger Place. Copies of the proposal were handed out to all Board members for review. No decision was made at the meeting.
12. Randy Hull initiated a discussion about current revenues versus expenditures and the Board talked about the possible need to increase either the millage, uniform service charge (USC) or both, due to the current increases in areas such as Security, Landscaping and the potential for any unforeseen expense for maintaining and/or improving the grounds and facilities next year. It was agreed that we will have an open forum at the next DSTD Board Meeting on 1/13/09 at the Foxcroft Clubhouse so that all attendees can have an opportunity to voice their opinions on the matter prior to the board voting on how to proceed. Any recommendation by the DSTD Board for a tax increase would go before the Greenville County Council where they would have 3 readings (at three different meetings) at which people would have an opportunity to speak for or against such a request prior to the County Council voting to approve or deny the request.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55

Next Meeting Date

January 13, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Foxcroft Clubhouse