

Devenger Special Tax District
Meeting Minutes, January 13, 2009, 7:00 PM. Foxcroft Family Center

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

Minutes

1. Randy called meeting to order and read from the Tax Board's county ordinance regarding our purpose. Reviewed the minutes from previous meeting. Motion to accept from Liz, seconded by David.
2. Asked if anyone wanted to address the board regarding the possible raising of the neighborhood tax millage and/or uniform service fee. Holland questioned why we needed additional funds and how previous funds had been spent. Randy explained why they are needed and reviewed expenditures from last year. Terri discussed how the pool benefits the entire community. Stacie discussed how many communities have homeowner associations and collect dues but that Devenger does not. Susan recounted several of the various issues involving the pool last year. Randy asked for any other discussion and several additional brief comments were made.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Reviewed issues regarding tennis courts and fence repair. Have been having some difficulties in finding just enough fence to complete the repair without buying an entire roll. Decided to see if we could find any other options. We also want to ask our contract landscaper to begin routine blowing off of the courts due to the falling of Sweet Gum balls.
2. Brush and tree removal. Received a quote of \$850 for removal of the dead tree just on the other side of the creek causeway near the playground. Commission decided to seek other competitive quotes before April meeting.
3. Landscaping bid from Carolina Landscaping with references provided by Bain. Bid is \$475 vs. \$525 current. Will review and vote on whether or not to change at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review quarterly and annual budget. Motion to accept by Norm, seconded by Bain following special note of an unplanned \$40.03 expense for lighting repairs.
2. David raised a new proposal for liability insurance because of a change in the cost of the policy. The Commission is getting more coverage and the cost is still falling within the

guidelines of the approved budget. Motion to approve insurance change by Norm, seconded by David.

3. Announced that applications to fill vacancies on the Commission board must be submitted to County Council Clerk before February 28th.
4. Tax Millage: Randy reviewed a chart showing how much an increase would impact each family and the total revenue created were the tax millage to increase from 7.6 to 10.0 mills. The issue of seeking any increase in the tax millage and/or annual Uniform Service Fee was then opened to the Commission for discussion. A motion to recommend to County Council that the Uniform Service Fee be increased by \$10 and the tax millage to 10.0 was made by Norm, seconded by David. The Commission voted 4 in favor, with 1 abstention due to a possible conflict of interest. Commission agreed to post notice at the community center and upload information regarding the increase request on the website once County Council has agreed to take up the matter.
5. Randy opened up the floor for discussion once again for any concerns or issues regarding the community. There was a suggestion that our officers write tickets (issue fines) for unsafe driving that endangers others. Motion made by David and seconded by Bain. There was also a suggestion that we get quotes for the rock work repairs on the entrance signs to the subdivision
6. Reminder of next meeting on April 14th. Randy concluded the meeting at this point.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Next Meeting Date
April 14, 2009 at 7:00 PM at TBD