

## **Devenger Special Tax District**

Meeting Minutes July 14, 2009, 7:00 P.M. Foxcroft Family Center

DSTD members present: David Fowlkes, Randy Hull, Norman Kirkwood, and Bain Stewart.

### **Minutes**

1. Randy Hull called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
2. Attendees were given the opportunity to be heard on matters contained on the current meeting's agenda. No comments were rendered.
3. Commission members were asked to review April's meeting minutes for changes and/or additions. David moved that the minutes be approved as submitted and Norm seconded that motion. Minutes were approved as submitted.

### **Old Business**

1. The issue of tree removal and clean up on the community center property was discussed. It was noted that at the April meeting an amount not to exceed \$1,500 had been approved by the Commission for tree and stump removal of two trees that were still showing some life. Any further action on these trees was tabled.

Randy advised that he had received a verbal quotation in the amount of \$750 from David Maddox at D&T Landscaping for removal of all brush and the remains of a downed tree near the playground that resulted from a recent storm. It was asked if this included stump removal however it was noted that the stump had been uprooted by the storm.

Bain subsequently moved, Norm seconded, and the Commission approved acceptance of the quotation. Randy was instructed to get the quotation in writing, obtain a Certificate of Insurance, and request performance as soon as possible.

2. Randy updated the Commission and all present on the status of the requested increases in the tax millage and Uniform Service Fee. The request was given its first public reading before the Greenville County Council and was referred back to the Finance Committee for additional consideration.

### **New Business**

1. Commission members reviewed the second quarter 2009 financials. David noted the need to change the reporting period specified on the Transaction Report. With that change David moved that the financials be accepted. Norm seconded and the financials were approved with the noted date change.
2. Randy reminded the Commission of a prior community concern that a number of repairs (masonry work) were needed on the Entranceway signs and that it was past time for the planted areas to be re-mulched. Given that it was now mid-summer a comment was made and agreed to defer mulching until the Fall or following Spring. Norm agreed to take the action of

assessing and seeking quotes to repair the signs, taking advantage of the masonry skills of a known resident in the community if practical.

Bain noted that there was a protruding shrub in one of the corners of the swimming deck that needed to be trimmed back. It was stated that the Commission's landscape service had responsibility for the shrubbery around the pool and David agreed to contract them to arrange for it to be properly trimmed.

3. Randy advised the Commission that an issue in the operation of the tennis court lights had been raised by a community member through the Devenger Board. A subsequent examination of the electrical panel and tennis court switch by David and Randy indicated the need for the services of a licensed electrician especially when considering that there have been some pool light issues this season as well.

Norm moved that the Commission obtain the services of an electrician to diagnosis and repair the electrical problems impacting the tennis court lights for an amount next to exceed \$1,000. Bain/David seconded and the motion was approved.

4. Randy updated the Commission and all present on the Commission's current vacant position. The application period opened on July 1<sup>st</sup> and will run through August 31<sup>st</sup> with the appointment to take affect in October. Interested parties were advised to submit an application via the county's website at [www.greenvillecounty.org](http://www.greenvillecounty.org).
5. No other Commission business being presented, Randy opened the floor for community members to be heard on any matters of concern.

In light of the recent criminal activities that have occurred in the neighborhood Jim Cronin inquired if the community thought it might be beneficial to implement a Neighborhood Watch Program. Randy agreed to follow up with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office on the steps to coaching and creating such a program for Devenger.

Susan Lyness inquired about the process for requesting street light replacements when such lights have burned out. She was advised that the two power companies servicing the Devenger area (Duke Power and Laurens Electric) both have a mechanism for reporting outages via their respective websites.

Siobhan Tortura inquired if the Commission had any control over the times that our security officers worked the neighborhood as they have been observed in the area during hours in which there was little activity or probability of criminal activity/traffic violations.

After additional discussion including the extent of their police powers on the community center grounds it was suggested that the Commission investigate the installation of "Property under the Jurisdiction of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office" signs on the grounds. Bain agreed to discuss the matter with Officer Campbell.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45.