

The Tall Pines Special Tax Commission (TPSTC) meeting came to order on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 7:36 p.m., to pay bills and conduct any other business.

TPSTC Members present: Terry Hess, Norm Gaskins, Nelson Montalvo, Jim Royce, Neal Menkus

The minutes of the February 19, 2015 meeting were presented and unanimously approved.

Small revisions to the proposed 2015-2016 Budget were made. The amounts in each line item did not change, but the basis for how two of the values were calculated was corrected.

----> Fence repairs behind the Clubhouse and Pool are in progress, but not fully completed.
Norm will follow up with the contractor to ensure completion.

There was discussion of new equipment for the playground area at the Clubhouse. The plan is to remove/relocate the existing swings, level the area, place additional sand, and then fill with bark.

The TPSTC would prefer to purchase a ready-built design, and edging material. There were concerns about the construction, both in terms of sturdiness and overall design. The TPSTC prefers there not be enclosed sections. In the past, transients have constructed warming fires and burnt our play equipment to the ground. Will the insurance policy cover replacement?

Discussion of how to handle the money for Pool maintenance.

TPSTC unanimously decided to write a check for half of the expected budget at the beginning of the season, rather than writing a check every other week. TPSTC will periodically replenish that fund after submission of receipts.

Advice from Berkeley County is that TPSTC can decide how we want to handle minimum bids. Unanimous decision was reached that work expected to cost more than \$500 will require soliciting bids.

Bills were paid:

		Balance	
Check#	Payee	Amount	
			39,610.49
2018	Janice Todd (landscaping)	925.00	38,685.49
2019	Comcast (Internet and phone)	128.87	38,556.62
2020	Berkeley Electric	723.34	37,833.28
	1st Entrance	60.00	
	2nd Entrance	143.00	
	3rd Entrance - lights	214.00	
	3rd Entrance - meter	33.34	
	Clubhouse	211.00	
	Playground	62.00	
2021	Charleston Water	18.75	37,814.53
2022	BCW&SA (Feb + \$5 late fee)	49.00	37,765.53
2023	BCW&SA (Mar)	44.00	37,721.53
2024	Melissa Hess (clean Clubhouse *2)	150.00	37,571.53

The Capital Funds account balance (as of February 2, 2015) = \$70,300.27

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.