

The Tall Pines Special Tax Commission (TPSTC) meeting came to order on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 9:01 p.m., to conduct general business and pay bills.

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

TPSTC Members not present: Norm Gaskins

The minutes of the May 6, 2015 meeting were presented and unanimously approved.

The Tall Pines Newsletter was delivered to the Post Office on May 21, and will be delivered Friday, May 22. Printing cost was \$187.92, and postage was \$123.73 for a Total Cost of \$311.65

The Playground area development at the Clubhouse is almost complete. Wesley Hanniford drew an advance of \$572.92, to be deducted from the final payment of \$3,000. The TPSTC spent \$1,630 for a 9 inch layer of cushioning wood chips.

The TPSTC agreed to defer any larger development of the Duckpond/Ballfield Area to next year.

---> Norm Gaskins continues to work on repairing and improving the security system at the Clubhouse.

Terry Hess was contacted by the insurance company, letting us know that the parking lot cracks must be repaired or coverage would be canceled. A Do-It-Yourself effort was attempted, but proved untenable. An outside company contracted, at a cost of \$2,000. The work was completed, including striping and sealer. The expected lifetime of this work is 3-4 years. A longer-term solution is estimated to cost \$15,000 - \$20,000.

The TPSTC is expecting 300-350 people at the Pool Party and is budgeting no more than \$600 for this event, to include: hamburgers (300), hotdogs (500), buns, cheese, condiments, ice, drinks, and paperware. The Pool has agreed to purchase items using their bulk discount, and the TPSTC will reimburse them.

---> Terry Hess will confirm that the Pool has that much money still available in their account.

---> Nelson Montalvo will see if he can get a reduced price on drinks from his contacts.

The TPSTC and Home Owners Association (HOA) board members discussed how the HOA can best continue to provide input to the TPSTC. For now, the HOA will continue to submit ideas and requests to the TPSTC, following their regular monthly meetings.

As a reminder, both the HOA and TPSTC Meetings are public. Meeting notices are posted on the Berkeley County calendar (<https://www.berkeleycountysc.gov/drupal/eventscalendar>), and to Next Door ([nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com)).

If you want to volunteer or have ideas, come to the meetings. It's your neighborhood and your money.

The TPSTC 2015-2016 Budget was approved by Berkeley County Council, April 27.

Bills were paid:

Check#	Payee	Amount	Balance
			\$32,239.15
2046	Terry Hess - bags of asphalt & concrete	53.87	32,185.28
2047	Sweetwater Pools - pool renovation, filters	20,000.00	12,185.28
2048	Angelo Delvekio - parking lot downpayment	1,000.00	11,185.28
2049	Angelo Delvekio - parking lot final payment: asphalt, seal, paint	1,000.00	10,185.28
2050	Lowe's - playground materials	572.92	9,612.36
2051	All-Season Mulch & Landscaping, 30 yds of playground-certified wood chips	1,630.00	7,982.36
2052	Jim Royce - cost of printing & mailing newsletter	311.65	7,670.71

The TPSTC unanimously agreed to transfer \$35K from the Capital Funds account into the General account. Afterwards, the Capital Funds account will be \$35,300.27 plus any accrued interest. (The next statement is expected at the end of June, 2015.)

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m.