

The Tall Pines Special Tax Commission (TPSTC) meeting came to order on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:44 p.m., for the purpose of paying bills.

TPSTC Members present: Norm Gaskins, Terry Hess, Neal Menkus, Nelson Montalvo, Jim Royce
Special guest: Ed Heusinger

The minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting were presented and unanimously approved.

The cost to paint the 3 Entrance signs was \$300, which was more than the original estimate. Once the work began, it was realized that the entire portion of each sign needed to be redone.

An additional 15 yards of mulch will be applied to the playground equipment at the Clubhouse a couple of weeks before the pool opens. The expected cost will be about \$515.

The broken glass in the office door was replaced, due to safety concerns.

The TPSTC received a letter from Mr. Woodrow W. Blizzard offering to convey TMS# 242-03-02-024, the south side of the 'Duckpond' easement pond, to Tall Pines at no cost. The TPSTC unanimously decided not to accept this offer, instead letting the property revert to the county if taxes are not paid. Councilman Tommy Newell has stated that this property should not be made available for purchase. The TPSTC concurs, based on it being a drainage basin for both sides of I-26, as well as Farmington Road.

--> Neal will write a response and mail the letter to Mr. Blizzard.

The TPSTC agreed to purchase plants to improve the appearance of the three entrances. The plan is to get 35 Hostas, at an approximate cost of \$6/plant. It is estimated that it will cost \$125 to plant them.

The TPSTC will plan on having a poster display of what the TPSTC and HOA do and how they interact for presentation at the BBQ Picnic in May.

--> Neal will create a draft for review at the next TPSTC meeting

The TPSTC will submit a RFP on installing security cameras at the three entrances to Mike Melton, who will then visit to discuss options and cost.

--> Ed Heusinger agreed to do this for the TPSTC.

--> Neal will contact Tommy Newell to follow up on grants/funding for the ballfield, Clubhouse parking, fixing the Blue Pine Road sidewalk which is buckling from roots, speed bumps, providing update on the 'Duckpond' property, and invite him to attend the BBQ Picnic at the end of May.

The TPSTC plans to install 'No Overnight Parking' signs at the Clubhouse.

Jim Royce continues to develop the next issue of the newsletter. Items for inclusion are: seeking help with ballfield, BBQ Picnic, speedbumps, road repaving, and TPSTC meetings 2nd Tuesday of each month.

BBQ Picnic discussion: food & drinks & supplies (~\$600), entertainment (\$150), mailing (\$150).
Invite people to bring covered dish too. Free swim for neighborhood.

Bills were paid:

Check#	Payee	Amount	Balance
			15,410.72
2151	Janice Todd - landscaping	925.00	14,485.72
2152	Janice Todd - paint 3 entrance signs	300.00	14,185.72
2153	BCWSA - sewer	44.00	14,141.72
2154	Republic Services - trash pickup	80.55	14,061.17
2155	Charleston Water	19.35	14,041.82
2156	BEC	850.03	13,191.79

1st Entrance Lights	60.00		
2nd Entrance Lights	154.00		
3rd Entrance Lights	214.00		
3rd Entrance Meter	30.03		
Tennis Court	62.00		
Clubhouse	330.00		
2157 Comcast - telephone & Internet		131.43	13,060.36
2158 Erika Hess - pool maintenance		150.00	12,910.36
2159 Melissa Hess - clean Clubhouse		100.00	12,810.36
2160 Ace Hardware - paint, materials, key		76.56	12,733.80
2161 The Hartford - Workmen's Comp insurance (1 year, Jun-Jun)	1,254.00		11,479.80
2162 Bill's Glass - replace broken glass in office door		150.00	11,329.80
Capital Fund Account balance, as of March 31, 2016			75,719.97

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.