

SMEPOA Board Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2009 at Kirves home

Attending: Anita, Bonnie Jeff, Tim and Road Chair Dennis Leath

Absent: Susan, Mike and Clayton

Anita called the meeting to order at 10:40 AM. Minutes from the March meeting were read and approved as written. MSA

Bonnie submitted a list of 6 liens that had to be recorded in Dawson County on lots that have unpaid assessments for FY 2008-2009. She stated that the board has made every effort for nearly a year to allow those owners the opportunity to pay their fair share of road maintenance and avoid this action.

Legal: Anita reported that the required paperwork from the defendant (in the one legal action that was initiated by SMEPOA) has been submitted according to the court agreement, and that the case is now closed. Bonnie will re-record a document in Dawson County Court.

Roads: Dennis submitted the Road Budget to be presented at the annual meeting. He reminded the board that the 7-year plan has been extended to 8 years. This is because of legal expenses dealing with lawsuits and owners who did not pay their assessments. The board is keeping the road assessment for the new FY at the same \$550 per lot that we have had since the beginning. Dennis explained the bids he requested from 3 paving companies. He expects Steve Watson Paving to begin paving Lower Sassafras Pkwy. in early May.

Newsletter: The board reviewed the spring newsletter in its new, more economical format. The board expressed its appreciation to Susan Catton for preparing the excellent piece, and also thanked the Jollys for doing the printing and mailing. This issue was much less costly than the slick color editions of the past.

Neighborhood Watch: Anita said that she has called Lt. Tony Wooten of Dawson County Sheriff's Department and requested 5 signs for our roads: 2 for Upper, 2 for Lower, and 1 for Sassafras Mountain Laurel Lane. The signs are provided at no charge, along with posts. Tim Lambert is heading up our Neighborhood Watch program.

Nominees for the new board so far are Jeff Kirves and Mark Buchheim. The board is still seeking additional nominees.

Wildcat/Firewise: Anita stated that Clayton will make a presentation about our new Monument Road Fire Station at the annual meeting.

New Business: Anita reported that Clayton is working with Dawson County on the possibility of their taking over the road maintenance and then billing each owner the assessment as a tax. The owners would have to vote to approve such a plan.

The **next board** meeting will be at Anita's house at 10:00 on Saturday May 9.

The **annual meeting** will be Saturday May 16 at 10:30 at the Pickens Library.

The meeting was adjourned t 11:35 AM.

Submitted by Bonnie Lovejoy, Secretary

