

**Splitrail Farm Property Owners Association**

**Approved Minutes**

**February 8, 2006**

**Attendees:** Dave Kohlfeld, Dennis Mahoney, Larry Mraz, Karen Smith, Kim Van Dorpe, Bill Baar, Greg Van Zandt

**Absent:** Hildi Smith, Richard Forester

**Home Owners Present:** Lynn Funk

**Non Home Owners Present:** Scott Joyner (web page designer)

**Call to Order:** By President Larry Mraz at 7:50 PM

**Approval of prior Meeting Minutes:** Greg Van Zandt [377-6073 gmvanzandt@comcast.net]

Motion to approve Minutes of the November 2, 2005 Board meeting made by Greg Van Zandt, second by Karen Smith, vote taken by president Mraz - unanimous approval

Motion to approve Minutes of the November 29, 2005 Board meeting made by Greg Van Zandt, second by Karen Smith, vote taken by president Mraz - unanimous approval

Motion to approve Minutes of the January 3, 2006 Board meeting made by Karen Smith, second by Dennis Mahoney, vote taken by president Mraz - unanimous approval

**Committee Reports:**

**A. Treasurer's Report** Bill Baar [584-6139 [Bill\\_barr@hotmail.com](mailto:Bill_barr@hotmail.com)]

1. President Mraz asked Treasurer Baar to check and make sure liability insurance was paid in November as this was a transitional time for the Board. Treasurer Baar found the payment in the check book ledger and confirmed the policy was paid on November 6, 2005 for \$3660.00.
2. The first payment to Teza is due March 15.
3. Request for payment of \$900.00 to Kott was made by Treasurer Baar. A motion to approve this payment was made by Karen Smith, motion second by Larry Mraz, vote taken by president Mraz – unanimous approval
4. Request for payment of assorted bills totaling \$113.15 was made by Treasurer Barr. A motion to approve this payment was made by Karen Smith, motion second by Dave Kohlfeld, vote taken by president Mraz – unanimous approval
5. Request for payment of copy expenses of January 3 minutes for homeowner distribution to Greg Van Zandt was made by Treasurer Baar expenses. A motion to approve this payment was made by Karen Smith, motion second by Dave Kohlfeld, vote taken by president Mraz – unanimous approval

**B. Budget & Finance Committee** Bill Barr [584-6139 [Bill\\_barr@hotmail.com](mailto:Bill_barr@hotmail.com)]  
Same as Treasurer's report

**C. Landscape & Maintenance Committee** Hildi Smith [584-9346 [hsmith7791@aol.com](mailto:hsmith7791@aol.com)]

No report – Hildi was not at the meeting.

Discussion on renew times of the contract will soon be approaching in March, that Trustee Van Dorpe will follow up with Hildi to make sure the contracts are under control for this coming season.

**D. Architectural Review Committee Dennis Mahoney [584-1661 [dennismahoney@earthlink.net](mailto:dennismahoney@earthlink.net)]**

Trustee Mahoney presented the plans to build a proposed home in Cross Creek, lot # 97. Fred Didier is the builder, who has built other similar Prairie Style homes in Cross Creek. After review of the plans and general discussion by Board members, Trustee Mahoney recommended the approval of the plans, selection of surface elements and colors. A motion to approve the plans, etc. made by Greg Van Zandt motion second by Karen Smith, vote taken by president Mraz – unanimous approval

**E. Governmental Liaison Committee Kim Van Dorpe 5139521 [mikkalbo@hotmail.com](mailto:mikkalbo@hotmail.com)**

1. Trustee Van Dorpe discussed Preserve Campton current activities for incorporation of Campton Township. General discussion ensued. Trustee Van Dorpe asked if the Board would like to have a representative come to the next monthly SFPOA meeting to answer any questions relative to the incorporation. It was decided that should anyone have questions to email Trustee Van Dorpe and she will seek an answer from the Preserve Campton group.
2. Trustee Van Dorpe announced the date of the Western Township Republican Candidate forum to be held on February 15 at the Campton Community Center.

**F. Community Activities Committee Richard Forster [513-0273 [forstermail51@yahoo.com](mailto:forstermail51@yahoo.com)]**

Richard was not at the meeting – no report

**G. Nominating Committee Karen Smith [377-2149 [skiers3@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skiers3@sbcglobal.net)]**

Nothing to report at this time

**Old Business:**

1. Home owner Lynn Funk brought up the on going problem of pet feces along the side of roads in Splitrail, especially Splitrail Lane just South of Prune Tree Lane. She also brought up the fact that this situation poses as serious health risk of disease and spreading parasitic health related illness. Personally the writer of these minutes (Greg Van Zandt) has also noticed a large abundance of dog waste when walking our neighborhood.

**Please Note the following:**

*Pet owners have a responsibly to their pets and fellow neighbors to pick up their pet's waste. Not cleaning up after your pet is disgusting, and worse a health risk to everyone.*

*Actually the process is very simple by using a Jewel or the like plastic shopping bag – turn inside out over your hand to pick up the waste, then pull down the handles, tie the bag with the handles and throw it away in your solid waste garbage.*

*Please, please, be courteous and pick up after your pets. Thank you in advance for your help with this issue.*

2. Although we are currently in winter, remember this Spring that there is free mulch by the bon fire area

3. A reminder that the only acceptable material for the bon fire is wood. Leaves, and the like can not be burned, nor can they be dumped in the bon fire area. We want to ensure this area is kept neat and clean of waste materials not suitable for the bonfire.

**New Business:**

1. Scott Joyner of Scooter Graphics was invited by Greg Van Zandt to discuss the possibility of building a SFPOA website. Discussion ensued by all in attendance. High level design elements were discussed relative to posting monthly minutes; a history including use of the land years prior to the subdivision development with photos, etc.; who and how would the web portal would be updated; what would and would not be allowed to be posted; the costs – initial one time web page development cost of \$1500.00 monthly hosting cost of \$7.95; portal space size would be 25 gig; and updating would be simple that a homeowner would be able to do after basic training.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Karen Smith, motion second by Dave Kohlfeld, vote taken by president Mraz - unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.

**Home owners are encouraged to attend monthly SFPOA meetings to be informed of issues that may affect them.**

**All of the above Boards meetings will be held typically on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the following location (unless otherwise noted below):**

*Campton Township Community Center (the "Community Center")  
5N082 Old Lafox Road  
St. Charles, IL 60175*