

**Splitrail Farm Property Owners Association
Approved Minutes
April 4, 2006**

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

Absent: Hildi Smith, Karen Smith, and Richard Forester

Home Owners Present: Lynn Funk

Call to Order: By President Larry Mraz at 7:55 PM

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

Approval of the Minutes of the March 7, 2006 was tabled as Larry Mraz (Greg Van Zandt was absent) had not yet prepared them for the Board to vote on.

Committee Reports:

- A. Treasurer's Report** Bill Baar [584-6139 Bill barr@hotmail.com]
1. Request for payment of \$11,517.85 to Pizzo was made by Treasurer Baar. A motion to discuss was made by Dennis Mahoney, second by Kim Van Dorpe. Discussion ensued: The Board approved this based on approval from the chair of the Landscape & Maintenance Committee, Hildi Smith.
 2. Request for payment of \$36.66 for postage expenses for quarterly lot fees incurred by Bill Baar. Greg Van Zandt made a motion to approve, second by Kim Van Dorpe, vote taken by president Mraz – unanimous approval.
 3. Treasurer Baar presented to the Board a budget for this year based on run rates from last year. Trustee Van Dorpe made motion to approve, second by President Mraz – unanimous approval to accept the new budget.
- B. Budget & Finance Committee** Bill Baar [584-6139 Bill barr@hotmail.com]
Same as Treasurer's report
- C. Landscape & Maintenance Committee** Hildi Smith [584-9346 hsmith7791@aol.com]
1. No report – Hildi was not at the meeting.
 2. A lively discussion on prairie burns facilitated by Trustee Kohlfeld. Trustee Kohlfeld has made contact with a professional open space manager Mr. Jack Schuba who is willing to work with SFPOA on obtaining the proper state and local permits as well as train fellow SFPOA residents on how and when to conduct a burn. Mr. Schuba is currently doing similar work with Campton Township.
- D. Architectural Review Committee** Dennis Mahoney [584-1661 dennisemahoney@earthlink.net]
1. Trustee Mahoney presented the plans for lot # 26 to replace an existing wooden deck with a new patio. Trustee Mahoney acknowledged the Architectural Review Committee had reviewed and approved the plans. A motion to approve the plans was made by Trustee Van Zandt, second by Trustee Van Dorpe, vote taken by president Mraz – unanimous approval.
 2. Trustee Mahoney presented the plans for lot # 23 to build an upscale prefabricated wooden swing set. Trustee Mahoney acknowledged the Architectural Review Committee had reviewed and approved the plans. A motion to approve the plans was made by President Mraz, second by Trustee Van Zandt, vote taken by president Mraz – unanimous approval.
 3. Trustee Mahoney presented the plans for lot # 24 to add more evergreens to existing trees. Trustee Mahoney explained his committee was concerned that several of the trees planted last year were planted by mistake in the open space area, that advised the Board a sketch should be submitted to ensure neither the open space nor right of way of Splitrail Lane would be effected. A

motion to table the plans was made by President Mraz, second by Trustee Van Zandt, vote taken by president Mraz – unanimous approval to table the request until an adequate drawing can be reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee.

4. The unfinished landscaping plans for lot # 2 (land and home are for sale) were brought up for by the Trustees. It was decided a letter is to be sent to the owners of lot #2 advising them of same and that the landscaping must be finished prior to selling the home and property.

E. Governmental Liaison Committee Kim Van Dorpe 5139521 mikkalbo@hotmail.com

1. Trustee Van Dorpe discussed Preserve Campton that a question and answer for SFPOA meeting should be held in the fall closer to the November election.

F. Community Activities Committee Richard Forster [513-0273 forstermail51@yahoo.com]

Sadly, Richard Forster has had to resign as he and his family are moving from Splitrail Farms. The Board wishes to express their thanks for all the work and time you put in to make the fall homeowner outing and bon fire such as success. Your community affairs talents will be missed. The SFPOA wishes Richard and his family best of luck with your new home and neighborhood.

There was no report for this meeting.

A motion was made by President Mraz, second by Trustee Kohlfeld , to appoint Michelle Weidl as Trustee Forester's replacement, a vote taken by president Mraz – unanimous approval to appoint Mrs. Weidl, with hopes Mrs. Weidl accepts.

G. Nominating Committee Karen Smith [377-2149 skiers3@sbcglobal.net]

Karen was unable to attend this meeting - No report for this meeting

Old Business:

1. Trustees discussed the potential new SFPOA web site. It was decided that a description of the web site – purpose, high level concept plan, accessibly, maintenance – should be circulated with these minutes so fellow SFPOA members can be aware of what the purpose is, the cost, and to solicit input. Trustee Van Zandt will facilitate a task team (looking for volunteers) comprised of fellow SFPOA home owners to work with the vendor, Scott Joyner in designing and building the site.
2. **The proposal for building the SFPOA web site** from Scott Joyner was reviewed by the Trustees. President Mraz facilitated discussion and the following recommendations were made to Trustee Van Zandt to pass along to Mr. Joyner:
 - a. Payment of the proposed \$1500.00 would be made in quarterly installments:
 - i. 25% upon signing the contract
 - ii. 25% upon completion of the portal design
 - iii. 25% once the portal is up and running
 - iv. 25% once training is completed
3. Now that we are currently in Spring that there is **free mulch by the bon fire area**
4. 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. Please use Waste Management **yard waste bags available** for sale at:
 - o Corner Store - NW corner of Route 64 & Old La Fox Road, Wasco
 - o Dominick's - SE corner of Randall Road & Route 38, St. Charles
 - o Jewel - NE corner of Randall Road & Route 38, St. Charles
 - o Jewel - NE corner of Randall Road & McDonald, South Elgin

SFPOA wants to ensure this area is kept neat and clean of waste materials not suitable for the bonfire.

5. **Don't forget: Pet owners have a responsibility to their pets and fellow neighbors to pick up after their pet's.**

New Business:

No new business

Adjournment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by President Mraz, motion second by Dave Kohlfeld, vote taken by president Mraz - unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 9:45PM.

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*