

Aspen Trails Metropolitan District
Regular Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, August 14, 2005
Upper Pine Fire Station #3
Trew Creek and Florida Road
Durango, Colorado

Meeting called to order at: 1:13 pm

Determination of Quorum (Board Members present)

Present

Judy Bolton
Bob Foisel
Brian Vlass
PJ O'Connell

Community Members present

Dana Nighswonger, Caroline O'Connell, Don & Judi Smith, Dick & Ruthanne Anderson, Alain Henry, Allison Klein, Chad Novak, Scooter Bolton, Judy Whitaker, O' Gassaway, Katie & Carl Dahlgren, Ewell Burns, Bill & Judy Harrison, Chris Perryman, Leslie Jo Swanson, Kris Kozak

Approval of the Agenda

A motion was made to accept the agenda.

Motioned by: PJ O'Connell

Seconded by: Brian Vlass

Passed by: 5:0

Order of Business:

Reports

Financial

Report of budget/actual expenditures

Bolton reported on the following items;

1. The district has approximately \$12,000 to spend on the roads.
2. A couple properties are due to close this month.
3. There are bills outstanding for Alpine Roadworks and bookkeeper.
4. There is \$12,300 outstanding on assessments. Sixty-seven properties have not paid or have made partial payments.
5. Bookkeeper is making changes to the books according to the auditor's suggestions.

Bolton reviewed the following reports she prepared for the board:

1. Profit and Loss- Jan. 1 through Aug. 13, 2005
2. Balance Sheet – Aug. 13, 2005
3. Expenses by Vendor Summary – Jan. 1 through Aug. 13, 2005
4. 2005 Proposed Budget Revision
5. Road Condition Inventory – Aug. 12, 2005

Operation/Maintenance

Vlass reported that the “15 MPH speed limit” sign for the entrance and the “emergency access only” sign for Lobo Drive have been ordered and will be installed sometime in the next week. The cost was approximately \$269.

Road Condition

Bolton explained that the Road Condition Inventory report this was for audit compliance.

Board Member Project Reports,

None

Discussion Items and or Action Items

1. *Approval and review minutes for July 24, 2005 meeting.*

Motioned by: PJ O’Connell

Seconded by: Brian Vlass

Passed by: 4:0

2. *New Board Member Appointment to replace Chairman Lauth*

Tabled

3. *Board Member appointed to Budget Committee*

PJ O’Connell volunteered.

4. *Conservation Trust Fund population for funding.*

Bolton reported that in order to receive accurate monies from the Trust we must have a head count in the District. Bolton knows the count from the Trust is too low and suggests we contest the number in order to receive the accurate amount of monies due the district. The documents are due by the end of August. O’Connell volunteered to head up this task.

5. *Managers position*

Bolton informed the board that we did not budget for this position this year but will in the 2006 budget. Bolton feels that the manager position should take approximately 20 hours per month and that we should allocate about \$5000 for this in 2006. Discussion ensued regarding a dedicated phone/fax line/answering machine, whether the person should live in the district and how to properly advertise and interview. Vlass volunteered to post an advertisement at the mailboxes.

6. *Impact Fees*

Foisel reviewed the discussion he had with Bud Smith regarding restriction of impact fees and interpretation of state statute. Discussion ensued regarding "improved" and "unimproved" areas. O'Connell pointed out that Lower Sierra may be somewhere in between "improved" and "unimproved" and that we need to adopt specific definitions for those terms and how they relate to ATMD roads. Foisel expressed opposition to charging blanket street impact fees and sited the example that it is not fair to charge someone at the entrance to the subdivision the same fees as someone three miles in. The impact to the road is substantially different. The board agreed that Foisel should follow a "cost" structure in the development of impact fees.

7. *Upper Trew Creek erosion*

Vlass informed the board that a culvert, catch basin, and establishing the ditch will cost approximately \$2,000. He suggested we set a cap on expenditures. The section of road is small and chasing the spring could eat up money quickly. Foisel suggested we ask a contractor what would be the best benefit in the shortest amount of time. O'Connell suggested we get estimates.

8. *Roadwork Prioritization*

Foisel suggested crowning the road. Bolton suggested we work on Aspen Drive, fix Upper Trew Creek, crown and grade. At this point the meeting was opened to the public and was taped. Please refer to tape for public comment.

The following is a summary of comments from the taped public comment portion of the meeting

Complaints were made concerning the additional emergency assessment and comments were raised by several attendees regarding any assessment because they thought taxes would cover all of the improvements and maintenance without the need for additional fees. Specifically, seasonal property owners did not feel that the emergency assessment is fair for them since they don't access the roads during the winter. The fee structure as set out in the service plan was discussed.

Road Concerns for the following roads were addressed: Dugan's hill on Sierra Dr (big tree, limited visibility, loose rock, phone box), Upper Trew

Creek (loose rock, pot holes, drainage, bank and upslope erosion), lower Sierra Circle (plugged culverts, drainage, and snowplow damage), Hideaway Dr (mud-bog in winter), Elk Lane (drainage & mud-bog), upper Ridgecrest (drainage & culvert directional flow), Aspen Dr (potholes, drainage, culverts plugged/gone),

The website was praised for the information available

Correspondence to the board was read and discussed as it pertained to the road concerns

Board members discussed priorities following the public comment: better ditches in general, work on Elk Lane, Sierra Circle, protection of roads already worked on, and grading/ditches for all roads

New Business

Meeting was adjourned at 3:32 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian Vlass.



Brian Vlass, Secretary

Date 10/12/05

