

SVPORC ANNUAL MEETING Minutes

August 24,2024

SV Pavilion

Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order by SVPORC President, Mike Johnson at the pavilion at 9:00 a.m. on August 24, 2024. Since the number of members present at this meeting did not fulfill the quorum requirements, the meeting proceeded with sharing of information.

Election results: Jeff Perry, Ken Richardson, Jerry Doby, and Doug Coleridge were re-elected to the Board. The 2025 budget passed. The board will decide on officers and committee chairpersons at their next Board Meeting, following this meeting.

President's Message: Mike Johnson shared that he feels blessed to live in Spring Valley.

- He introduced the SV Board Members: Jeff Perry, Meghan Engdahl, Caroline Trani, Ken Richardson, Jerry Doby and Doug Coleridge thanking them for all they do and explaining that all the Board Members are volunteers.
- He appreciates community input and suggestions for improvement. Ideas for solutions are appreciated.
- He thanked previous Board Members including Jan Richardson, Shaun and Roni Gordon and Vanessa Kilik.
- Special thanks to Jill Cochran, Shane Wildeman, Terry Puliman, John Schneider, the Fish Patrol and all others who support the community.
- He apologized for anything he did with the mower to upset anyone. He asked the Community to remember that the volunteers are just trying to protect all our properties. Be respectful in your interactions with them. If you have a problem, bring it to the Board. If you see something that is not within the rules, address it but use common sense.
- Thank you to those that pick-up trash.
- Thank you to Ken Richardson for cleaning up the boat area and removing boats that were not being used and coordinating all things lake/fishing related.
- Thank you to Mel Blankenship and Jen McNerney for co-chairing the Activities Committee, making the activities family oriented and bringing the community together to have fun.
- He loves seeing the families kayaking, fishing and walking.
- Thank you for the donations to the Kid's Fishing Derby and to the general funds.
- He explained that there was not vandalism on the porta potty. A misunderstanding with Apex caused them to try to remove the potty and it got stuck. It has since been corrected.
- Trash cans should be kept off the street and put out the day of pick up and taken back in as soon as possible to reduce the bear activity.
- He is addressing a dog attack that happened earlier this month. Please keep your dogs on a leash or restricted to your property for the safety of all.

- We were asked by a Spring Valley owner to ask residents to watch for Beetle Kill on your trees. It is the responsibility of each property owner to tend to their own property.
- Sign-up sheets were available for anyone that might need help of any kind or would like to volunteer to help their neighbors. Mike will coordinate this activity.
- The Teller County Sheriff's Office evacuation placard was shared. It should be put on your doorknob once you evacuate during an emergency so that the emergency personnel know the home is vacated.
- Volunteers are needed for mowing, spraying, plowing, chain sawing, activities, etc. Please email info@myspringvalley.org or contact a Board Member if you would like to volunteer.
- If you have ideas for activities, please email info@myspringvalley.org.
- The dam has been inspected. Maintenance work has been recommended. The pipe is in good shape but has plaque. We might be able to put new coating or an inside liner. Preventive work is needed. A committee is being created to research what needs to be done. If you would like to volunteer for this committee, please email info@myspringvalley.org. Engineers, grant writers, Valley Maintenance representatives, etc. would be most helpful.
- Teller County plans to replace some street signs that are faded.
- There was a lot of interest in a shared trash bin for residents to put their pine needles into in the Spring.

Community Comment: Teller County has a system to identify a house that needs special help during an emergency.

Community Question: When one of the water system pumps has a problem, could people impacted fill up water jugs at another pump? Valley Maintenance will look into this possibility.

Community Comment: Suggested a red tag system when there is a violation as step one notification.

Community Comment: Share owner's phone numbers with neighbors would be helpful, especially when there are renters so that problems or concerns can be easily addressed.

Vice President's Message: Jeff Perry thanked the SV Board for hanging in there and getting a lot accomplished this year. The lakes don't look like a junk yard anymore and the area really looks nice. Thank you, Ken. SV looks good, pretty and quiet. A nice place to live. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Secretary's Report: Caroline Trani highlighted the website, myspringvalley.org, as the official line of communication for Spring Valley including information on what is happening, updates and links to navigate. Be sure to check it out.

SVPORC members who would like to be added to the email list, send your email to info@myspringvalley.org. Regular email blasts are sent to members with current events, community highlights and news as another way of communication. Caroline detailed information on how Filing 4 has recently approved changes in their covenants requiring renters must be long-term renters, no STRs. She has information on the process and forms that could be useful to other Filings/residents that wish to make changes.

She also emphasized the importance of keeping animals restricted to personal property and dogs on a leash when being walked to help with safety and comfort of all residents walking with their families and pets.

Treasurer's Report: As the new SV Treasurer, Meghan Engdahl thanked Jan Richardson for the great system she had created and turned over to her. She will continue to work with Jill Cochran to better understand the systems being used. She will work to continue to get owners to pay their dues with the potential of paying online. She is looking at all costs and ways to reduce the deficit and to have our investments work better for us. Grants for the dam work will be researched.

Activities Committee Report: Jen McNerney thanked her co-chairperson Mel Blankenship for working with her on the Kid's Fishing Derby, Game Nights and all the get togethers for families, kids and adults. Jen thanked the volunteers that helped with the Kid's Fishing Derby and those that made donations. The Game Nights are getting people together for fun and are free. They are open to ideas on more activities. A QR code for activities donations was mentioned as an opportunity to research.

- Next Game Night is September 6th at 6:30p.m.
- A Chili Cook Off is planned for October 20th. More details will be sent out soon.

Architectural Committee Report: Doug Coleridge expressed his thanks to his committee member, Georgia Curie, Jerry Doby, John Blankenship and Peter Byrom for their work on the committee. The Building & Exterior Modification Contract is on the SV website, myspringvalley.org. Anyone wishing to make changes to their property should submit the contract to the committee for approval.

Lakes and Fishing: Ken Richardson asked that owners become familiar with the website, myspringvalley.org.

- Ken thanked Shane Wildeman and Terry Pulliman for spraying the thistles with the Teller County Extension Office recommended Milestone weed control. Thistles are a noxious weed and will take over if not treated. Consider joining together with neighbors to buy Milestone and share it to treat your property. A little goes a long way.
- Daily fishing pass fees were raised from \$10 to \$15 to help cover the cost of the fish.
- All aerators are up and running. John Schneider assisted with a solution to muffle the sound from the generator. We have an annual maintenance agreement with Solitude Lake Management to check the aerators every month

and keep them running well. They also treat the lakes to control the weeds. The lakes are healthy, and goal is to keep them that way.

- Ken thanked the fish patrol volunteers. This is a 6-month commitment. They come out from dawn to dusk to do their best to verify that our community is used by the owners/members and that the rules are being followed. They do a great job. Thank them when you see them.
- Shane Wildeman was acknowledged, he has worked hard to improve the boat launch area drainage needs. Additional discussions on ways to improve the parking lot will continue as well.
- There have been two fish stockings at \$4,000 each. Including mostly rainbows.

Legal Affairs Committee Report: Nothing to report.

Welcome Committee: Jill Cochran reported that we have had 25 new owners since the last annual meeting. New owners are encouraged to check out the website. Every new owner should receive an electronic email with general information about Spring Valley.

Volunteer Thank you: Mike Johnson thanked those that volunteer and encouraged others to consider volunteering.

Community Discussion:

- Concerns were expressed about light pollution.
- STR renters should be given the covenants/policies to follow by property owners.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.