

SANGAREE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT (SSTD) ADVISORY COMMISSION
Planning Meeting December 3, 2019 – 6:00pm
MINUTES

Sangaree Office, 102 Sangaree Park Court, Ste 1, Summerville, South Carolina

THE SSTD Advisory Commission Planning meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman Ann Birch.

ATTENDEES: Chairman, Ann Birch, Secretary Jeannie Beard, Commissioner Michael Bagley, and Commissioner Andrew Haueisen.

Also, in attendance were SSTD Administrative Assistant Laura Baker, and Tim King, substituting for SSTD General Manager, Brian Callihan, and Berkeley County Councilman Tommy Newell.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Jeannie Beard made a motion to approve the Agenda for the meeting, which was seconded Michael Bagley. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR November 5, 2019 Planning/Public Meeting, and November 16 Special Meeting was tabled for approval after Chairman Birch had a chance to read, to be approved by e-mail assent.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. General Manager's Report (By Tim King & Laura Baker substituting for Brian Callihan)

- A. Holiday Schedule – The SSTD Office will be closed December 24, 25, and 26 for Christmas, although there will be no change in contractor service except for yard debris pick up which will be delayed one day until December 26, 2019. All SSTD crew not on vacation during this time will be doing chipping on December 23 and 27, 2019. The SSTD Office will be closed January 1, 2020 for New Year's. Contractor service for yard debris pickup will be postponed until Thursday, January 2, 2020.
- B. Fire Protection – Normal operations at the Sangaree Station
 1. There were no issues with service reported by C&B Fire Department.
- C. Solid Waste Collection –
 1. SSTD Office received 145 total calls in November. 24 were regarding Republic Service, which included one "praise" for their service; 48 calls for SSTD, one of which was a "great job"; 40 miscellaneous items, i.e., tax payments, etc.; and 33 hang-ups.
 2. SSTD crews will be picking up Christmas trees at the curb for chipping, provided there are no lights, ornaments, or decorations remaining on the tree. Trees with any decorations will not be picked up for chipping.
 3. There was also a general discussion regarding the trash pickup service. Councilman Newell would like quotes from two or three independent companies, since it is not necessary to be a part of the Berkeley County solid waste contract. Councilman Newell also explained to the Board that these contracts are awarded on **best** bid, not necessarily lowest bid. This might open the door to other trash companies.
- D. Maintenance of Common Areas (Sangaree ditch maintenance) –
 1. SSTD crew members have been mowing, weeding, and cleaning debris from the ditches and green areas. Three (3) trees had fallen during the month, and those were removed and chipped.
- E. Parks and Recreation –
 1. Santa at the Pond will be held December 14, 2019. Commissioner Bagley is coordinating this event for the Community. Tim announced plans to keep the tree at the Spring Lake gazebo from being stolen after last year's vandalism. The crew will dig (with augur) a deep 18-24" hole filling the hole with concrete and placing a steel

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pipe in the middle of the concrete for standing the tree in. This will be a permanent “tree holder” but will be capped when not in use. Plans are to erect the tree Monday or Tuesday, December 9 or 10.

3. Sail Shades for Tomaka Park – Tim stated that the shades have been received. However, he is unsure of the plans the GM, Brian Callihan, has for installing the shades and preferred to wait until Brian returns at the end of the week of December 2.
4. Cambridge Park – the PARD grant for which SSTD had been waiting was lost somewhere after submission and, therefore, was not granted. This will be resubmitted in 2020, but in the interim, SSTD Office is requesting quotes from playground equipment suppliers. We have received quotes from one supplier for swing sets (\$4,412.00 and \$3,674.00) and understand that if they install it, they will ensure the warranty/guarantee is honored.
5. Support of Fundraiser for the late Officer Tillman (a former Sangaree resident) – to be held at Cane Bay on December 7 from 1:00 p.m. until dusk. It was suggested that Sangaree donate “hay” for the hayride. By motion of Jeannie Beard, seconded by both Michael Bagley and Drew Haueisen, and unanimously carried by the Board that Sangaree donate approximately 10 bales of hay and a crew to man the hayride.

II. Old Business

- A. New color-coded map for green areas from Berkeley County Roads & Bridges update – Commissioner Bagley reported that this map has not been completed yet. Councilman Newell also updated the Board that a key person at R&B has been promoted. As a result, we are unsure when the new map will be unavailable.
- B. No Through Truck Traffic Update – Councilman Newell suggested that Laura contact R&B, Danny Thrower, to see about obtaining larger signs. Commissioner Jeannie Beard noted that her research indicated there was no limit to the size of the traffic signs which could be erected.
- C. Summary of the November 16, 2019 Special Meeting – Items covered in the Minutes of the November 16, 2019 Special Meeting were approved.
- D. Pet waste disposal stations have been placed in the new Sangaree Park/Field. We were also advised by Councilman Newell that enclosing and naming the area as a Dog Park opens us to insurance liability. Berkeley County insurance does not apply to Dog Parks, although Councilman Newell is going to investigate how other area communities are handling this issue. As a side note, a disposal basket must be replaced for a pet waste disposal unit near the Sangaree Library. Laura and Tim will handle this issue.

III. New Business

- A. Obtaining cheaper SSTD Office space – The possibility of purchasing a home and, if necessary, changing the zoning to accommodate a new SSTD Office was discussed. Sangaree cannot obtain a mortgage for any property because we are considered a governmental agency and not a legal entity. The Board discussed the viability of financing a portion of a purchase price by applying current rent funds as repayment, should Berkeley County decide to purchase a home as a savings to Sangaree. Councilman Newell was going to investigate the feasibility and/or position of the

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Berkeley County Council in this regard. Also, Laura is to check the availability of budgeted funds remaining after Community Day and the purchase of Sangaree Park.

B. Miscellaneous discussions not on the Agenda –

1. Muscovy Duck over population – Commissioner Hauelsen is to contact the DNR to discuss how to handle the over population of Muscovy Ducks, an invasive species not endangered or subject to endangered species handling. They have become a nuisance at Spring Lake/Pond area and need to be removed.
2. Fence gates which access onto Sangaree Parkway – Drew is going to contact Code Enforcement Jerry Kale once again regarding residents using their fence gates to access their property from Sangaree Parkway. It was suggested that Drew also copy all members of the Advisory Board.
3. Potholes – A Sangaree resident complained about potholes along Lancashire. Each time the resident exits his drive, he must avoid these potholes. Laura is to contact Road & Bridges to check on the potholes along the center line of the street.
4. Construction debris in trash bins – Because RePower South cannot accept construction debris and Republic is not equipped to handle the weight of construction debris in the trash bins, it was suggested that neon labels be placed on bins noted as having construction or other items prohibited from pick up by Republic, and that such bins not be emptied by Republic drivers but information and pictures of those bins be forward to the SSTD Office. In the interim Laura will prepare a picture with a “Not Allowed” strike through it to be posted on the various Sangaree Facebook pages.

It was also suggested that Laura contact Melissa Wheatley at RePower South for bullet points to be included in the next newsletter and/or a separate letter to the residents violating that regulation.

5. Councilman Newell also commented on a posting by a Tall Pines resident asking how the Tax District could purchase this property and suggested the Advisory Committee go to the Berkeley County website to read the comments for understanding the workings of the Berkeley County Council in general.
6. In response to issues residents have been having with BCWS uncommonly high water bills, Councilman Newell advised that he brought the matter to the attention of the CEO, and this problem was currently being investigated. It is the belief of residents affected that the glitches are in the electronic system for reading the meters.
7. A workshop has been scheduled for preparing new 2020-2021 SSTD Budget on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the SSTD Administration Office, which will be presented to residents in February meeting for their feedback.
8. Laura is to check for availability of funds for the possibility of purchasing the house across from the Library and is to e-mail the Commissioners accordingly.

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IV. Announcements

The next Planning Meeting will be January 7, 2020 at 6:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn was made by Jeannie Beard, seconded by Drew Hauelsen, and was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

