

SANGAREE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT (SSTD) ADVISORY COMMISSION
Planning Meeting January 7, 2020 – 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 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Ann Birch.

ATTENDEES: Chairman, Ann Birch, Commissioner Michael Bagley, Commissioner Andrew Hauelsen, and Commissioner Pat Temple

Also in attendance was SSTD General Manager, Brian Callihan, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Felder with their son, residents from Highland Park, and Tom Toney.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR – Commissioner Drew Hauelsen made a motion to approve the December 3, 2019, Planning Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Michael Bagley and the motion carried. (As a note, the December 3 Meeting Minutes had been sent to all Commissioners for review on December 4, 2019 as well as a second e-mailing on January 4, 2020).

SPECIAL REQUEST: A special request was presented by Mitchell Felder for use of Sangaree Park for a “Wellness Event” on April 25, 2020. There would be a charge of \$10 to attend. Drew suggested the Commission check with Berkeley County Legal regarding any requirements they might have. Mr. Felder said they would be responsible for set-up and clean-up afterwards. They would need Sangaree Park for set up on Friday, April 24 and on Saturday April 25 for the event. They want to have jump castles, food vendors, and entertainment with DJ’s. Brian said he will contact Berkeley County Legal Department for their recommendations and advise the Commission of their response.

AGENDA ITEMS

I. General Manager’s Report

- A. Holiday Schedule – The SSTD Office will be closed Monday, January 20, 2020, for Martin Luther King Day. Contractor service will not be affected. SSTD Administrative Assistant Laura Baker prepared a Holiday Calendar for the year with holidays for which all Berkeley County offices will be closed.
- 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 123 total calls in December (22 were regarding Republic Service, 28 calls for SSTD, 35 miscellaneous items, i.e., tax payments, etc.; and 38 hang-ups.
 2. There was a discussion of the current contract through Berkeley County with Republic for waste removal in Sangaree Special Tax District. The RFP for the current waste contract did not have response from small vendors, and Republic had the best value for residential waste removal. Berkeley County itself is also unhappy with Republic’s service. We should make sure our requirements are specified in the RFP for Sangaree waste pickup. We also need to be aware of the cost for service through a smaller company, as well as consequences if they fail to provide satisfactory services. Brian also clarified that local businesses contribute to SSTD for their portion of waste pick up.

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3. There are 302 residents currently using a second cart (221 original 2nd cart users plus 81 former recycling customers).

D. Parks and Recreation –

1. PARD has lost our grant application, and they have also cut funds for grants for 2020. Our application does not look good for award at this point.
2. Cambridge Park – Brian presented several swing designs, one of which can have units added to the basic unit. Prices on the units were based on a 2017 catalog, and Brian is going to obtain new prices to be incorporated in the new 2020-2021 budget for Sangaree. He is going to contact different suppliers to get firm pricing for 2020. He also advised that there is approximately \$5,000.00 remaining for the recreation line item. We will also need to plan for adult seating at Cambridge Park.

As a note, Brian also advised that Berkeley County Council does not support moving funds from one line item to another, basically due to transparency issues. In essence, Berkeley County does not recognize a difference between SSTD funds and Berkeley County funds and are tightening restrictions.

3. Skate park – There was a discussion on the status of the skate park, which had already been approved. Brian was unaware of the layout approved by Sangaree Special Tax District Advisory Commission. We already have \$50,000 appropriated for the skate park, which includes fence, paving, etc. For the bigger share of the skate park area, we will add 2 in. of pavement over pre-existing pavement, and only approximately 10 ft. will have completely new pavement. Brian is going to have some contractors give us quotes so we can complete this project. Several residents have already done some work to improve the area designated for the skate park.
3. Sail Shades for Tomaka/Raintree Park – In the works. This will be a project for completion when the weather warms.
4. Spring Lake Pond – Brian suggested that improvements be considered for the Pond. He suggested 75 ft. of “matting” to be laid to reduce bank erosion, etc. The mat contains plants incorporated in it, which should take root and help reduce further erosion.
5. Brian agreed that it would be good to use some of the dirt piles to fill in the holes in Sangaree Park to even out the field surface.

D. Maintenance of Common Areas (Sangaree ditch maintenance) –

1. Street sign posts and panels are currently being replaced in Cobblestone by SSTD crews.
2. Crews are also performing winter work and cleanup in all green areas.
3. SSTD crews have been cleaning up the area behind the library in Sangaree Park at the Paddock Way end.
4. The initial phase of Spring Lake/Pond improvements is scheduled to begin this week.

E. General Comments – Brian reported we have a new diesel chipper truck, covered by the budget already. And as far as the budget goes, we are in good shape at this point. As a note, we no longer have a “spare” chipper. Some new replacement equipment has been ordered. We should also plan for some yearly equipment replacement to keep our equipment current and in good shape. Michael requested a list of

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equipment so we can have an idea of what may need replacement and when. We have some used (i.e., beat up) equipment that was handed down to us from Berkeley County so it will be needing replacement too. The chipper is probably one of the most important pieces of equipment we have.

- F. Solar lights at “Blessing Boxes – Ann noted that someone has been stealing the solar lights at the Blessing Boxes at the Library and also at the SSTD Office.

II. Old Business

- A. New color-coded map for green areas from Berkeley County Roads & Bridges – Commissioner Bagley reported that this map has not been completed yet.
- B. No Through Truck Traffic Update – Waiting for Councilman Newell to advise status.
- C. Residents accessing yards from Sangaree Parkway green spaces – Drew contacted R&B and was told by Code Enforcement there is nothing we can do. He then contacted Planning, who was supposed to check for ordinances being violated and call back. This didn’t happen. Drew said he will contact them again to get an update.

We also need to address the issue of apartment residents parking illegally on the green areas and median. We need to have someone from Code or Berkeley County Sheriff’s Office come through in the evening to ticket violators. Harold is going to take pictures to be forwarded to Code Enforcement. Ann mentioned the apartment manager mentioned erecting fencing, but there are no formal plans at this point.

- D. Parkway Beautification – Our landscaper has made a few limited suggestions. Nothing remains in the budget for current beautification. We will need to budget funds to cover these plants and trees. We also need to consider plantings that do not require watering or much maintenance. We will seek additional information from our landscaper
- E. Santa at the Pond – Michael reported that the event was a big success. We had a couple of volunteers who did not show as promised. They obviously will not be invited for next year. The choral groups were excellent. Tim King’s initiative with the Christmas tree was excellent addition and contributed greatly to the success. Miracle Tasty Express brought their own garbage cans and cleaned up afterwards. Commendations to Miracle Tasty Express and to those participating for doing a good job.

A vendor also suggested that maybe once a month food trucks could set up at the Pond (Spring Lake) with music, etc. This would, of course, have to be coordinated with a Commissioner to supervise the event. After discussion, it was decided that Commissioner Michael Bagley will be a point of contact for these events. Laura at the SSTD Office could be a second point of contact, but Michael Bagley would oversee the event. If it goes well, we could consider doing it bi-monthly. Also if it goes well, we could consider seating, etc. for the pond area and perhaps a Port-A-Potty.

III. New Business

- A. Proposed Budget for 2020-2021 –January 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.at the SSTD Office has been set as a workshop to consider details for the proposed SSTD Budget for 2020-2021.

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IV. Announcements

The next Planning Meeting will be February 1, 2020 at 9:00am with a Public meeting following at 10:00am, coffee and donuts provided.

ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Bagley, seconded by Drew Hauelsen, and was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

