

**SANGAREE SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT (SSTD) ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Public Meeting November 10, 2020 - 7:00p.m. (Virtual)**

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Chairman Drew Hauelsen called the Public Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The virtual meeting was attended by Vice Chairman Michael Bagley, Secretary Jeannie Beard, Commissioners Ann Birch, Harold Green and Alternate Commissioners Pat Temple, Elle Meise and Todd Ellis. Also present virtually were SSTD General Manager Brian Callihan and Administrative Assistant Laura Baker

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Commissioner Michael Bagley made a motion to approve the Agenda and Commissioner Ann Birch seconded. It was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR October 6, 2020 Meeting** – Commissioner Michael Bagley made a motion that the Minutes for the October 6, 2020 meeting be accepted as published, which was seconded by Commissioner Ann Birch. The motion passed unanimously at vote.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**I. General Manager's Report –**

- A. Holiday Schedule - County office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 in observance of Veteran's Day. Residential curbside services will run on schedule. All County offices will be closed on November 26 and 27, 2020, in observance of Thanksgiving. There will be no interruption to Sangaree Services.
- B. Code Enforcement reminds us to replace the batteries in our smoke detectors.
- C. SSTD received 134 calls in October: 23 involved contracted services; 49 were asking for voting information and were answered by the Sangaree staff as well as several complementing the Skate Park and a couple about the median plantings; 28 were miscellaneous, and 34 were hang-ups. Most common calls to the office regarding curbside service inquiries (schedules, MSW, prohibited items, etc.), requests for voter information such as phone numbers and locations, and compliments on the Skate Park and green space maintenance.
- D. Solid Waste – The office received only 3 calls for missed pickup of msw, and 4 calls for missed yard debris, which was a good month. There were no calls for missed bulk.
- E. Green area maintenance – a drier October allowed all 43 green areas to receive monthly maintenance. SSTD crews are starting winter cleanup and trimming services in certain areas because cooler weather has slowed down the need for mowing.
- F. Drainage Ditch Maintenance – County ditch crews have been cleaning out vegetation and poor drainage areas in the Sangaree ditches. County drain crews continue to work on reported sinkholes. Now that the ditches are in good shape, the County spray crews are planning to return before the end of the year to knock the vegetation down further in anticipation of Spring growth.
- G. Tree work – The office received 3 requests for tree work in October. The dangerously leaning tree on Longstreet has been removed; the trimming of a large "private" oak off Trestlewood which affects traffic has been scheduled, and a group of "healthy" nuisance trees off Pierre have been placed on a watch list.
- H. Special Projects –
  1. Skate Park – This project is now complete. The equipment for the skate park was installed during the week of October 12, and the park opened on October 19, 2020.
  2. Cambridge Park PARD Grant – Equipment was delivered the week of October 26. Planning is underway, and installation should begin before the end of the year.
  3. Raintree Park Project Shades – Canopies for the older children's (ages 5-12) equipment was installed on September 30, 2020.
  4. Street sign replacement – Indian Woods (20 signs) is scheduled for this year. Installation on the first group of signs is scheduled for completion by the end of November, The next group of panels will be ordered around the first of 2021.

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5. Sangaree Park Pavilion (Picnic Shelter) – The office has contacted suppliers for pricing on different kit options. We have received one quote for concrete work. A slab 24 ft x 48 ft is not feasible, so we are working on a 24 ft x 24 ft slab. A kit for the pavilion with a metal roof and closed gable ends is available for approximately \$20,000 from 84 Lumber.
6. Parkway Improvements/Beautification – The first round of installation was completed on November 3. Depending on availability of trees, a second order might be placed the week of November 9. Brian has met with a nursery group, and there is no negative to installing in segments. Trees being used right now are Drake Elms, Blaze Maples, crepe myrtles, in stages.
7. Spring Lake (The Pond) shoreline project – Improvements and completion of the beautification project at the Pond will be scheduled for Spring.
8. 17-A Entrance at Longstreet – Since the official contract for revising the intersection has been completed, we are now in a position to landscape and move signs, etc., as needed.

### **II. Committee Reports**

- A. Fire Protection – Chairman Todd Ellis reported that operations at the Sangaree C&B Station were normal for October. Farmington Road Station (by Money Man) had 102 callouts, while Royle Road had 15. Chief Woodall provided a breakdown of the C&B Fire Department calls for Todd, which was much appreciated. This was included because it is Sangaree tax funded and is our new enhanced fire service. Our stations are manned 24/7 under the new enhanced service policy.
- B. Parks and Recreation – Chairman Ann Birch reported that the Skate Board Park was an instant hit and we have received many compliments on it. A temporary basketball goal has been placed at the Library (soon to be removed) and the PARD Grant purchased equipment was received October 26, 2020, and will be installed at Cambridge Park by December 30, 2020.
- C. Maintenance of Common Areas – This was covered in the General Manager's report. Chairman Elle Meise reported on the Parkway Beautification Project. Three islands have been completed and more before year end, weather permitting. Elle also reported that there has been illegal dumping behind the homes on Tennyson. Brian will be investigating.
- D. Solid Waste Collection – Chairman Pat Temple reported that October was good and the SSTD office received few complaints. Republic appears to be doing better. Sangaree will be soliciting new bids apart from Berkeley County for the 2021-2022 contract year. The Advisory Commission together with Brian, Laura, Tommy, and Berkeley County are finalizing what should be included in the request for bid. Since less than 5% want 2 bins, that option will not appear on the request for bid nor will twice weekly pick up. It will however include the cost to the individual for a second bin. The bid will have to be solicited in early January to get responses, approve bids, and draw up the contract before the 2021-2022 budget can be approved.

### **III. Special Project ideas for FY 2020/2021**

- A. Sangaree Park design concepts
- B. Solid waste Collection contract renewal
- C. Parkway Beautification (this has been started and will continue as budget allows)
- D. Park/Playground enhancements
- E. Dog Park
- F. Street Sign replacement (This has been started as part of an ongoing maintenance cycle)
- G. Solar Lighting
- H. Digital Billboard

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**IV. Community Questions/Feedback –**

Comments and questions by residents (not all could be identified).

A question was raised about the Carriage Crossing signs status – A request for bid has been solicited and we are waiting info.

Another person wanted to know if the CAT was still in Sangaree. Yes, The CAT team is still working in Sangaree and regularly patrols through this area.

The issue of flooding in Tabby Creek, which is indeed a part of Sangaree, was raised. We were informed that the County is aware of the flooding and deteriorating drainage pipes. Berkeley County is to clean out the drainage pipes, and other flooding issues will be addressed by the Road & Bridges Department.

Brandon Branham also verified that we are not renting Sangaree Park to outsiders and that further, No Alcoholic Beverages are Permitted within the park. (If they have not as yet been placed, signs stating No Alcoholic Beverages are to be erected).

A question was raised by a resident regarding lighting at the Skate Park – The Skate Park is open from dawn to dusk, will close at dusk and there will be no lighting for kids to skate under. It was suggested that Perhaps lights might be placed until 10:00 to see how that would work.

Kristin also suggested that we maintain some greenspace and not utilize it all. Some of the proposed activities could be placed in other park areas, such as Cambridge, Pierre, etc.

Elle also suggested benches along the parkway, which is a great idea, and Tommy has mentioned sidewalks along both sides of the Parkway. We are waiting further information from Tommy about those.

Also regarding those questions about “Santa at the Pond” this was a resident-sponsored event. Brian agreed to place a Christmas tree at the pond, if the Advisory Commission requested it. Commission members offered positive comments for the Christmas Tree, although SSTD cannot sponsor any Christmas events.

Kevin wanted clarification on the easement issue behind properties, particularly in regard to high weed growth behind his fence. Brian said that for the most part, that is personal property, not SSTD property and therefore it is up to the property owner to weed eat to remove growth, as well as close to the street. It is up to the property owner to maintain both areas. In the event a property owner is not caring for those areas properly, a call should be made to Code Enforcement.

Brian and Michael also suggested the GIS map where the resident can click and view the parcel information which will also show where easements are.

Vinny Lugrano (?) asked about a speed hump where traffic speeds along a given street. Ann informed him that would require 85% of the residents of that street to sign a petition requesting one. The same would also apply to a 3-way stop sign.

A resident also asked for additional information regarding the chipper. The proposed outsourced cost will be \$25,000 per year extra, estimated, but SSTD will still need to replace the chipper because of chipping work done on green spaces and half of the chipping within Sangaree.

A suggestion was made to add restrooms at Pierre Park (or Porta-Potties) which would require cleaning at least weekly.

**V. Committee Vote –** It was suggested that signs showing, i.e., Playground with an arrow pointing, or even such as Pierre Park with an arrow pointing in the direction of the park be purchased and erected throughout Sangaree since so many people are unaware of where our parks are located. Michael Bagley made a motion that park signs with directional arrows, with or without park names because of cost, up to \$600 be erected for each of our parks. This motion was seconded by Jeannie Beard and unanimously approved.

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**VI. Announcements**

- A. The next Planning Meeting will be December 1, 2020 at 6:00pm. - location to be announced later.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Michael Bagley, seconded by Ann Birch, and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned and so was adjourned at 8:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jeannie Beard, Secretary  
Sangaree Special Tax District Advisory Commission

