



THE DOWNS GRANT
Homeowners Association

Board meeting minutes Thursday October 7, 2010
7 p.m. At Messiah Lutheran Church

In Attendance: Ben Allison, Paul Gelsleichter, Meredith Williams, Ray Dinello, Lynn Paoli, Dan Guertin

1. **Board Positions**

President, Ben Allison

Vice President, Dan Guertin

Communications, Ray Dinello

Secretary, Swanee "Took" Warne

Treasurer, Paul Gelsleichter

Architectural Control, Lynn Paoli

Grounds, Meredith Williams

2. Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.
3. **Minutes** for September were read, reviewed, and approved 6-0.
4. **Treasurer's Report**- Funds remain low but the reserve was not tapped yet. Discussions came about on the payment for the front entrance the previous year and if there was a way to get the dying trees replaced.
5. **Grounds** – Final Clean-up day arrangements were made. The renting of a bobcat and the plan to move the mulch was put in place.
6. **Home Owner** – A home owner submitted a letter complaining to the board about decisions that were being made. The letter was read and discussed. The board had invited the home owner to the meeting to discuss his concerns. As all board meetings are open to the home owners we encouraged the home owner to come to the meeting as all home owners are always welcome.
7. **Board Decisions** – The letter accused the board of attempting to take advantage of the community in making purchases. No mention was made of this home owner getting the board to hire his son for the front entrance work. The board feels that moving forward the board should never hire a relative of a board member or a home owner to complete work. This will maintain the independence of the board. It was also decided that if a major project is being done in the neighborhood such as tree removal or installation then a board member should be present and knowledgeable of the situation to aid the service provider.
8. **Next Meeting** – Thursday November 4th at Messiah Lutheran Church.
9. **Adjournment** at 8:21 PM.