



THE DOWNS GRANT
Homeowners Association

**Board meeting minutes from September 2, 2009
6:30 p.m. Hickory Tavern Restaurant, Ballantyne**

In Attendance: Ben Allison, Ray Dinello, Don Pirko, Paul Gelsleichter, Rick Romanoff, Rob Rohlman, Mike Wurm, and Meredith Williams.

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:36.
2. Minutes were read and reviewed. All were approved unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report- Rob was not able to get to the meeting at 6:30 due to work but joined us later. He sent an email to Ben to summarize where we stand. The board voted 5 – 0 to support a 6% dues increase. There will be no assessment this year. Paul agreed to serve the last year of Mike's term as treasurer. He and Rob will work on the transition. The board agreed to choose the option to foreclose on homes that do not pay.
4. Communication – Ray reviewed homeowner signup. He currently has 10 names. Those continuing on the board need to set up a time to learn how to update their area on the website.
5. Architectural Control – Don will send letters to all homeowners who have trailers parked on their property.
6. Front entrance - Grounds a combination of arborvitaes and azaleas was discussed. Dogwoods were in the discussion as 50 % of the front coverage, dogwoods first, evergreens next and then azaleas. A vote was taken and arborvitaes won 7-0.
7. Grounds update- handyman is working on the fences and putting up poles for the video cameras. We are going to wait on the basketball goals. Meredith is getting another swing set quote. Clean up day is set for October 10th. Ray was asked to send out an email blast and put a note on the webpage.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Gelsleichter, Secretary