

# Ridge Rambler

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## **Homestead Plat Approval Denied Again**

At the September 22, 2005 Blount County Planning Commission meeting, commissioners once again denied Naterra Land's request for approval of their Homestead Phase II Preliminary Plat.

A variance granted by the Blount County Board of Zoning Appeals last month made no difference as county planning commissioners denied The Homestead Phase 2 for the second time. Planning commissioners denied the plat May 26 because it did not meet new road width regulations, which are part of the county subdivision regulations. Planning commissioners had no discussion about the plat, voting 10-1 to deny with Bruce McClellan dissenting and Carl McDonald abstaining.

Naterra Land filed a suit against the planning Commission after the May

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26 decision. That litigation is currently pending.

## **SRPOA Holds Annual Meeting**

SROPA held its' annual meeting on July 16, 2005. The meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall at the East Walland Baptist. New property and home owners were introduced. Property owners were briefed on the current financial state of the "association", status and plans for continual maintenance of roads and grounds, recent bear sightings, Naterra Land's development known as the Homestead West, and ongoing efforts to acquire property for a picnic pavilion and maintenance facility.

President Frink discussed the progress of updating the Association's By-laws. These are being developed by Kizer and Black, attorneys, and will be developed around the existing covenants and restrictions. Property owners present voted to give SROPA a "Limited Power of Attorney" to

represent them in matters involving the application of the covenants and restrictions.

Property owners were told of ongoing efforts to control the Woolly Adelgid infestation of our Hemlocks.

Property owners asked questions and offered suggestions and recommendations for improvements throughout SR.

The rule for "term limits" was suspended for one year to allow President Frink to extend his term on the Board to the end of his term as president.

Debbie Way asked to be step down from the Board and Alex Wyss was appointed to fill Debbie's term.

Nancy Cain, our long time Secretary, asked to be replaced. Most of us can't remember any other Secretary. The Board will elect a new Secretary at its' next meeting.

After the meeting, property owners enjoyed a pot luck lunch and an opportunity to socialize.

## **New Property/Home Owners**

### **Homeowners:**

Wayne and Anne Anderson – bought Morton's on Skytop

Jim and Janelee Mongin – bought Dick Ray's on Skytop

Jeff and Joan Falk – bought Bo Key's home on Poplar Bluff

Alex and Alane Wyss – bought Carrigan's across from barn

Ann and Richard Sullivan – new home above barn

Anna Janda and mother – new home on Bluff View

Mel and Rita Johnson – new home in Burchfield's addition

Gachet and Tamara Tuberville – new home in Burchfield's addition

### **New lot owners:**

Paul and Barbara Gabel from Kissimmee, FL

Ken and Nancy Greico from Ft Pierce, FL

Don and Carol Jackson from Knoxville

Joe and Penny Kolba from Seminole, FL

Jackie Gignac from Mundelein, IL

Karen and Bobby Shults from Sevierville

Dan and Judy Wallace from Bartlett, IL

Tim and Sarah Williams from Seymour

Kent Thomas from North Brookfield, MA

William and Pamela Harriman

## Driving Tips

The Road Committee recommends that if you have 4-wheel drive capability on your vehicle, please use it while in SR. It is a lot easier on the roads.

If you have only 2-wheel drive, especially front wheel drive, use your throttle sparingly. Most of the time, it does not take as much throttle as one would think; even on the steepest of grades. Please be gentle on the gas pedal and the roads.

## Board Members

Here is a list of the current members of your Board of Directors.

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## Wildlife in SR

One element that goes with living in SR is the frequent presence of wildlife. Often this wildlife is seen up close and can be really fun to observe. This year we watched six baby geese hatch, grow, and leave. We have seen several fox, deer, turkeys, turtles, wood ducks, etc.

We have also seen a few bears. Some of these bears had cubs with them. They feed on seed left for deer, squirrels, birds, etc. This is not good. Bears with cubs are a hazard to well intentioned people and domestic animals. We have had officials from the Wildlife office out here and they advise us against feeding the other animals because the food we put out attracts bears. Give some thought to how you deal with these issues. We want to be able to live with the wildlife without causing either of us any problems. Also, watch out for wildlife as you drive the roads within SR. This includes hikers.

## Finances

Here is a look at our 2005/2006 projected budget.

### Income:

Maint fees	\$43,120
Chkng Acct Int	30
CD Interest	2,300
Hemlock Rembur	3,000

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**Total** **48,450**

### Expenses:

Maintenance

Bush Hogging	2,000
Tractor Maint	660
Ditching	3,000
Postage, Office Supplies	600
Garbage Pickup	2,760
Utilities	1,000
Phone Service	800
Emergency Fund	1,630
Equipment Repl	2,000
Beautification	1,000
Legal/Attorney Fees	5,000
Wooly Algid Expns	5,000
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Total	48,450

## **Gate Codes**

Monthly gate codes for the remainder of our Fiscal year, through July 31, 2006, were included with your last maintenance assessment billing. If you have misplaced them, contact Bob Frink at 865 984-4873 or e-mail at [bobfrink@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobfrink@bellsouth.net).