

**Solitude Pointe Home Owners Association (HOA) board
Minutes for the July 23, 2008 meeting**

Attended by: **Board Members:**

Lynn Krasiewicz 7101 Alta Dr., 231-1340

Ian Shearing 6928 Alta Dr., 231-3459

Chris Wilson 6859 Alta Dr., 231-1652

Treasurer Jan Thomas (was absent) 7038 Alta Dr., 231-6972

Secretary Ed Hawkinson 6950 Alta Drive 231-1754

This meeting was for the **board members only**, to meet with Hamburg Fire Chief Doug Berry, to discuss the new township burn ordinance, and the upcoming millage vote. Meeting started at 7:00 pm.

Chief Berry explained the main difference in the burn ordinance from the old version is to expand the time frame for open burns, from two months to four months per year. See attachment. We will add the link to our neighborhood website to this new ordinance for future reference.

Chief Berry went on to explain the reason for the new millage vote on August 5th, is to renew the funding for operations of the fire department for the next ten years. The previous ten year operational millage expired in December 2007. The millage will also allow for increased staffing AT the fire station, to reduce response times. The board felt supportive of this initiative, and hope the proximity of the new station will allow us as homeowners to benefit from a better ISO rating and a reduction to our insurance premiums. Lynn Krasiewicz will be distributing flyers with more information to everyone's newspaper box. Chief Berry volunteered to attend the next HOA meeting to explain details, and address any concerns.

A discussion followed regarding a resident's concern over a structure being built on a homeowner's lot. The board reviewed the bylaws, and decided....."Based on the above investigation the board has decided to allow the structure to be assembled because;

- 1) It cannot be considered a shed or storage type outbuilding but is in fact a child's play structure. (The design of the structure is such that it is not permanent and could be easily dismantled at some point in the future when the child has outgrown its use.)
- 2) Being a play structure it is positioned on the property in such a way as not to be in violation of the by-laws.

Lastly a point was made and will be noted on the sub division website that in the future, structures of any kind must have board approval before building commences.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ed Hawkinson