

Road Survey Results

Well, the results are in and 62 households responded (plus 2 anonymous surveys which were discarded). This is, believe it or not, considered quite a good response rate so thanks to everyone who took the trouble, even those who were somewhat rude. One person seemed to think I was too biased to evaluate the results, while several others thought I should leave, plus a few other uncalled-for comments, all of which was rather disappointing as I'd expected better, but I guess there are people like that everywhere.

Anyway, the outcome. (Remember that respondents could select more than one response so the numbers don't add up to 62.) Twenty-five (40%) households want to keep the gravel roads, while only eight (13%) support paving. The majority of respondents (42 / 68%) support continuing as we have been with the recycled asphalt, while 21(34%) are willing to pay more for increased applications. Interestingly, the largest group of people interested in paving the roads live on Copper Hill (apparently our road has more problems); most of the others live on Streamside.

Suggestions for improving the roads included treating them with the same chemicals the county uses on Dunraven Glade, slowing down (several people suggested that), paving or treating the section of road in front of your house if dust is a problem for you, using a recycled asphalt/concrete mixture, using thicker layers of asphalt in problem areas, watering the roads twice a week, using road base instead of recycled asphalt, installing traffic calming devices like speed bumps or electronic signs, grading or plowing more carefully to avoid scraping off existing asphalt layers, adding reflectors to the roadside to increase safety at night, and donating money to the equipment fund. While that last isn't strictly to do with road improvements, the equipment we use is expensive and the annual budget doesn't leave much room for replacement costs.

Several people expressed concern over the increased hazards associated with winter driving on pavement and the possible need for guardrails or striping. There were also concerns that paving would cost more than anticipated, both in the initial construction and ongoing maintenance (protecting the edges, surface sealing, etc.). Speeding and increased traffic were also cited.

Statistically speaking, the returned surveys don't represent a random sample so the results can't be generalized to the Retreat as a whole, but the trend is strongly indicative: Continue as we have been.

Thanks again for your effort; all the surveys (even the rude ones) contained valuable information.

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Street	Wants it paved	Wants it gravel	Wants to continue as is	Would pay more for recycled asphalt
Black Creek Dr		X	X	
Black Creek Dr		X	X	
Black Creek Dr			X	
Black Creek Dr			X	
Bulwark Ridge Dr			X	X
Bulwark Ridge Dr		X		X
Bulwark Ridge Dr				X
Bulwark Ridge Dr			X	
Bulwark Ridge Dr			X	
Bulwark Ridge Dr		X		
Bulwark Ridge Dr		X		
Bulwark Ridge Dr		X		
Copper Hill Rd	X		X	\$50
Copper Hill Rd			X	\$100
Copper Hill Rd	X			\$100
Copper Hill Rd	X			\$100
Copper Hill Rd			X	X
Copper Hill Rd			X	
Copper Hill Rd	X			
Copper Hill Rd		X		
Copper Hill Rd		X		
Corner Ct		X	X	
Corner Ct			X	
Dunraven Glade Rd		X	X	\$50
Dunraven Glade Rd		X		
Dunraven Glade Rd		X		
Elkridge Dr	X		X	\$100
Elkridge Dr			X	
Elkridge Dr			X	
Elkridge Dr		X	X	X
Elkridge Dr			X	
Elkridge Dr		X		
Fighting Elk Ct			X	
Fisherman's Ln			X	\$50
Fisherman's Ln			X	
Gladeview Ct			X	\$50
Leaping Bobcat Ln		X	X	X
Miller Fork Rd			X	X
Miller Fork Rd				X

Miller Fork Rd		X	X	
Miller Fork Rd		X	X	
Miller Fork Rd		X	X	
Miller Fork Rd		X	X	
Miller Fork Rd		X	X	
Miller Fork Rd			X	
Miller Fork Rd			X	
Miller Fork Rd		X		
Saddle Ct				\$100
Saddle Ct			X	
Sheep Ln			X	
Streamside Dr	X			\$50
Streamside Dr	X			\$100
Streamside Dr		X	X	X
Streamside Dr	X		X	
Streamside Dr		X	X	
Streamside Dr		X	X	
Streamside Dr			X	
Streamside Dr			X	
Streamside Dr			X	
Streamside Dr			X	
Streamside Dr			X	
Streamside Dr			X	
Wild Elk Ct		X	X	X

Note: "X" in the "Would pay more for recycled asphalt" column indicates the respondent either selected both payment amounts or circled the response without specifying an amount.