



**Stoneleigh
Community
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Stoneleigh Community Association Annual Meeting
January 12, 2016

1. Meeting called to order at 19:10; 69 Members signed in attendance, 19 proxies
2. Welcome to Meeting (Noah Lechtzin)
 - a. Approval of minutes from 2015 meeting-Motion by Kathleen Williams, seconded by Charlie Skinner-
 - i. All approved, no opposed
 - b. Great year, Great neighborhood:
 - i. Good effort by all neighbors
 - ii. Please get involved if interested
 - c. Challenges:
 - i. Late snow and ice conditions
 - ii. Floods in summer
 1. Damages to houses/cars
 - a. Some neighbors on Kingston got together and talked with officials
 2. Pool closing
 - d. Thank You(s)
 - i. Richard Gans stepped up to COP
 - ii. Greening and Recycling: Brough Schamp, Carol Newill and Rachel McFadden
 1. Planting trees, York Road strip, and Dumpster Day
 2. Bat Box building event
 - iii. Thank You to all, especially:
 1. Cara Walen for being editor of the Stoneleighite for the last 5 years, and Amy McGroarty for stepping up to replace
 2. Dave Frisch for being Pool Chair for the last 3 years and Katie Flynn for membership
 3. Pam Owens for organizing the Labor Day Fair
 4. Sarah Waire for organizing the Stampede
 5. Steve Birdsall for organizing the Try-a-thon
 6. Amy McGroarty for organizing Tween Night
 7. Meghan Virro and Jen Broome for organizing the Summer Shindig
 8. Karen Fireman for organizing Oktoberfest
 9. Brian Dulay for arranging the Stoneleighite for distribution
3. Comments from Steve Lafferty: (Steve Lafferty):
 - a. Stoneleigh is a wealth of resources
 - b. Beginning of New Session
 - i. Invitation to shadow and/or tour-just call office to set
 - c. Thank you to Noah Lechtzin for years of service to the neighborhood
 - i. Presented Noah with a citation
4. Committee Reviews and Updates:

- a. Social Committee (Joe Sanchez)
 - i. Had 3 Kid Events (Easter Egg Hunt/Halloween/Breakfast with Santa); 1 Tween Event (Tween Night), and 2 Adult Events (Summer Shindig and Oktoberfest)
 - ii. Will do same events next year, and others if someone is interested in starting
 - iii. Kick Off Meeting at Mari Kate Connolly' s home 812 Kingston 01/21/16 at 19:00
 - iv. Looking for more members-please come to meeting
- b. Greening and Recycling (written by Brough Schamp, read by Noah Lechtzin)
 - i. Informing the neighborhood of the benefits of cutting down on pesticides and fertilizer use
 - ii. Bat Box building session
 - iii. Dumpster Day-success
 - 1. 3 trucks full
 - iv. Christmas/Winter Holiday Decorations
 - 1. 14 lampposts and 3 signs
 - v. Welcome new members
 - vi. Next Year– try to come up with new ways for leaves and lawn-not to use plastic bags
- c. York Road Strip: (Kathleen Williams and Noah Lechtzin)
 - i. Appearance:
 - 1. Weeds everywhere
 - 2. Realtors not bring clients through York Entrances but instead using Register because of strip appearance
 - ii. 2000 Refurbished by the State
 - 1. From Northern Parkway to Stevenson
 - 2. Representatives from neighborhoods-Trish Woodall for Stoneleigh
 - 3. Stoneleigh signed a written agreement that Stoneleigh will maintain
 - 4. Mainly plants now-very hostile environment/difficult to grow
 - iii. RFP written and distributed to five landscaping companies
 - 1. Two declined
 - 2. Three wrote proposals
 - a. One would not do maintenance, least expensive around \$26, 000
 - b. Pinehurst submitted plan that included maintenance-around \$40, 800 to begin
 - c. Other was around \$215,000
 - 3. Plan to have no open spaces so weeds cannot grow
 - 4. Plants picked able to withstand salt, snow and other hostile environments

5. Will try to maintain larger plants already present, but will fill in
6. Was included in line of budget-will vote so can fine tune
 - a. One time increase to build, then go back to similar budget as in past to maintain (trash/water/maintain plants)
7. Questions:
 - a. Time Line? (Cara Walen)
 - i. Planting to begin this Spring, as soon as the outside temperature allows
 - b. Visibility/able to see out to York Road? (Charlie Skinner)
 - i. Company made aware of need to take visibility into account with design
 1. Did a walk-through of area
 - c. Are there any County plans that may infringe on strip? (John Gramiccioni)
 - i. No plans noted that would infringe on the York Road Strip
 - ii. Talk of re-surfacing the streets
8. State will have to approve:
 - a. Need plant list: what plants, how high
 - b. Landscaping company needs license/insurance
- d. COP (Richard Gans)
 - i. No reports on 10/30/15-Thank you for everyone's vigilance
 - ii. Most reports are because cars/garages unlocked-please lock
 - iii. Huge impact when have presence
 1. Police do not have to come patrol as much
 - iv. A lot of crimes around our neighborhood, but not necessarily in Stoneleigh
 1. Programs like COP are to thank
 - v. Call 911 with anything suspicions
 1. Some decision of some calls being directed to city first then to county-maybe use land line if available, easier for location to be properly tracked
- e. Stoneleighite (Cara Walen)
 - i. Thank you to everyone for contributions and articles
 - ii. Thank you to Karen Fireman for Hons on a Mission and Nancy Talbot for the articles on the Bowling League
 - iii. Most recent issue was the last issue for the Garden Club-club disbanded and also the voice of the past
- f. Pool (David Frisch)
 - i. Second year with DRD
 1. Went well, ramp up was smoother and positive feedback
 2. Negative-stronger rules, DRD to be informed
 - ii. Issues during the season:

1. Saved about \$3,000 by vacuuming instead of draining and refilling pool with second flood
2. Guard Coverage changes when pool not as full/reduced staff-saved money
- iii. On a whole under spent-Pool stable overall
- iv. Pool cover is presently off-major leak/was losing 3-4 inches of water/wk at end of season
 1. Had diver investigate with dye to find source after season ended-helped but still leaking a little
- v. New membership levels positive
 1. More households but little less revue because of different levels
 2. Pool always run as a benefit or asset of the neighborhood
- vi. New online system saved money-about \$800
 1. Higher credit card charge, but got money earlier
- vii. Guest fees were lower
 1. June was colder
 2. Closed twice due to floods
- viii. Aggressive spending plan-projects on page 3 of budget
 1. ADA
 - a. Now have conflicting guidance of what is required
 - b. Do not want to spend until certain
 - c. ADA projects
 - i. Lift
 - ii. Beachfront-not feasible
 - iii. Ramp-Approved last year, was put in budget for this year
 - d. Will re-visit when know what is required
 2. Guard Pavilion:
 - a. Hope to have by opening
 3. White coating/Resurfacing:
 - a. Degrading over last 15 years
 - b. Labor and time intensive
 4. Deck Drains:
 - a. Last done when pool was re-done-old and smaller than typically used now
 - b. Caps breaking, built into concrete
 - c. Hope to do will other construction to be most cost effective
 5. Try to get all done in 1 year
- g. Treasurers Report (Joe Carney)
 - i. Thank Dave Dildine for help
 - ii. Budget:
 1. Big Variables in Budget-Pool and York Road Strip
 2. Page One-SCA; Page Two-Pool, Page Three-Reserve

3. Putting \$12,000 in Reserve from SCA; \$89,000 into Reserve from Pool
 4. Everyone is watching their events spending/conservative
 - iii. Motion to approve budget by Bissette Schwanke, seconded by Frank Fillmore
 1. All approved, no opposed
5. Vote to approve 2016 SCA Board Candidates: (Noah Lechtzin)
 - a. 2016 SCA Board Candidates:
 - i. Noah Lechtzin-past president
 - ii. Greg Dildine-president
 - iii. Scott Thomas-Vice-President
 - iv. Joe Carney-Treasurer
 - v. George Kennedy-Secretary
 - vi. Joe Pettit-Pool Chair
 - vii. Karen Fireman-General Board Member
 - viii. Kathleen Williams-General Board Member
 - ix. Kerri Brennan-Social Committee Chair
 - x. Meghan Virro-General Board Member
 - xi. Mari Kate Connolly-Social Committee Chair
 - xii. Tim Weihs-General Board Member
 - xiii. Amy Godat-General Board Member
 - xiv. Rachel McFadden-Greening Recycling
 - xv. Richard Gans-COP
 - b. Motion to add Amy McGroarty to candidate list by Amy Godat, seconded by Nancy Talbot
 - c. Motion to approved list of candidates by Richard Letocha, seconded by Jennifer Klinedinst
 - i. All approved, no opposed
6. New Business: (Stoneleigh Community Members)
 - a. Next Door site-great source (Kit Carson)
 - i. For information about Stoneleigh and neighborhoods surrounding
 - b. Spring Yard Sale (Phoebe Letocha)
 - i. Possible dates April 9th or 16th
 1. Let Phoebe know of any main/large community conflicts
 - c. Question:
 - i. What is the percent of members of the SCA?
 1. About 70ish%
 - ii. Repaving?
 1. Was to get done this year, ran out of time-probably Spring
 2. Investigating storm drains
7. Meeting ended at 20:14