

Stonefield Homeowners Association

Board Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2003

7:00 p.m.

Present: Jon DiPiazza, Tom Crozier, James Dvorsky, Jeffery Mattox, Sue Miller, Tom Thieding

Guests: Kurt Sonnentag, Sgt. Chuck Foulke

Neighborhood Watch: Sgt. Chuck Foulke, with the Middleton Police Department, gave a presentation on safety and crime in the Stonefield neighborhood. He indicated Stonefield is a very safe neighborhood and most of the incidents have been minor, with no violent crime or break-ins. He said most of the activity is juvenile-related (egging, toilet-papering, mailbox vandalism) done either by kids in the neighborhood and youth possibly acting against other youth in the neighborhood. He indicated the Middleton Police Department responds seriously to all incidents because they want to respond before small criminal acts balloon into larger ones. He indicated the Stonefield neighbors need to report all incidents, and should not feel intimidated to make reports.

The following Neighborhood Watch will be implemented in Stonefield:

- Middleton Police Department will email alerts to Jon DiPiazza, SNA president, and messages will be emailed to Stonefield residents on the Stonefield E-news list.
- Common occurrences can be emailed to Jon DiPiazza, who will forward them to the Middleton Police Department.
- Residents should call 9-1-1 using a land line on criminal activity in progress. (Cell phone calls get sent to the Dane County central dispatch and may not be immediately responded to.)
- Resident should call the Middleton Police Department with other non-emergency reports at 827-1000.

Traffic Calming: Discussed action by the Public Works Commission to accept half of the SNA traffic calming recommendations. Kurt Sonnentag said he will ask the City Council to approve the full recommendation to install stop signs at both Stonefield Rd./Clovernook intersections, paint center line, and paint shoulder/parking lanes.

Stonefield Signs: Tom Thieding will get estimates from sign companies to refurbish both signs, replace the posts on the sign at Stonefield/Old Middleton Rd., and get estimates on a new sign for the entrance on Stonefield on Gammon Rd. Kurt Sonnentag will check with the city Parks Department about moving the sign at the Stonefield/Old Middleton Rd. entrance on the other side of the street.

SNA Picnic: Reviewed plans for the picnic.

Social Director: The board will recruit individual neighbors to coordinate specific events, rather than have a Social Director to coordinate all events.

Stonefield Covenants: The board will look at draft ideas on forming a neighborhood architectural review committee to examine and enforce the seven different covenants in the neighborhood, and make neighbors more aware of the legal covenants connected to house titles.

Dues: Motion by James Dvorsky and seconded by Jon DiPiazza to increase SNA dues from \$20 to \$30 every two years to allow for contingencies such as sign upgrades, neighborhood events, and architectural review committee needs. Motion approved.

Neighborhood Directory: Board members will update the mail listing. Tom Thieding and Jon DiPiazza will update the cover letter and survey. Jeffery Mattox will coordinate the mailing. The directory update and dues notice will be mailed tentatively by October 15.

Board Meetings: The SNA board will meet every two months to increase the board attention to neighborhood issues. Tom Thieding will update newsletter publication schedule to coincide with the board meetings.

Next Meeting: October 16, 2003

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Minutes Submitted By: Tom Thieding, Secretary