

Stonefield Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Annual Meeting
April 10, 2014

Officers and Volunteers Present: Norm Arendt (President), Jim Dvorsky (Director), Robin Sweet (Welcome Committee), Jeff Mattox (Webmaster).

Also Present: Mark Wegner (City of Middleton); Perry Hibner (MCPASD); Bob Schell (Elm Lawn School); Jesse Selleck (Middleton PD); Jerry Seifelt, Bryn Orum and Taylor Riehemann (Clark Street School).

1. Call to Order. At 6:42 pm, Norm Arendt called the meeting to order at the Imperial Gardens West and introduced the Association volunteers and guests present. About thirty members were in attendance

2. Election of Officers and Directors. There being no other nominees, on motion of Jackie See, seconded by Jon DiPiazza, it was voted unanimously to re-elect the current officers and directors for another one-year term:

President: Norm Arendt
Treasurer: David Diercks
Secretary: Ralph Swoboda
Directors: Jim Dvorsky and Mike Adler

3. Budget. A financial report prepared by Treasurer David Diercks was presented. It shows the current bank account balance at \$14,144.83, reflecting the every-other-year collection of membership dues in 2013. The report also contained the Board's recommended budget of \$425 in revenue and \$2,760 in expenses for the financial year that began April 1. At the request of the Chair, the members accepted the report by acclamation and adopted the 2014-2015 budget as presented.

4. July 4th. Robin Sweet thanked Stephanie Weix and Michael Leffel, who have chaired the annual Stonefield July 4th Celebration for several years and have agreed to do so one more time. However, they will need help, and a sheet for volunteering was passed around the meeting.

5. Ash Borers. Mark Wegner explained the current status of the emerald ash borer tree removal process. Residents who have dead or dying trees should contact Mark directly at the City. Entrance trees will be removed last. For those who have affected trees on private property, Mark noted that there are chemicals one can use to try to save the trees, but there are no guarantee. A qualified landscaper should provide the service.

6. Elm Lawn School. Bob Schell, the new principal at Elm Lawn Elementary

School, introduced himself and reported on the future course the school will be taking. Residents are welcome to stop by Elm Lawn and discuss the new formats that will be in use in the various grades starting in the fall.

7. Kromrey Construction. Perry Hibner reported on the status of the Kromrey Middle School construction project. Work is ahead of schedule and on budget. The new building should be completed this fall.

8. Clark Street School. Jerry Seifelt, Bryn Orum and Taylor Riehemann described the now two year old Clark Street Community School, which is part of the Middleton School District. It replaces the Middleton Alternative Senior High School (MASH). They explained the school's approach to education, teacher expectations and student participation.

9. Neighborhood Crime Report. Neighborhood Officer Jesse Selleck answered questions about the status of burglary investigations and other current issues. It was noted that cars have been parking in the neighborhood carrying kids who loudly slam the car doors when they get out in front of peoples' houses. This should be reported to the police if seen.

10. Gammon Road Project. Norm Arendt gave an update on the Gammon Road project. The City of Madison will be reconstructing their section of Gammon this summer. Middleton agreed to seal coat a section from the Madison limits north about a block. This will cause traffic disruptions this summer.

11. Neighborhood Cleanup. The Neighborhood Cleanup is scheduled for the afternoon of May 3, to clean terraces, medians, and parks of litter. Hopefully everyone can help.

12. Stonefield Medians. There was a lengthy discussion of how best to improve the condition of the median strips on Stonefield Road. The Board had recommended hiring someone from the neighborhood to clean up and weed the junipers. Mark Wegner explained the City policy on medians.

After discussion of the various alternatives, a motion by Jackie See, seconded by Barb Dale, was voted on and adopted as follows: The Board should request the City to remove the junipers from the median strips, replace the top soil and re-seed the medians with grass, and, if the City does not perform the work, the Board should arrange for this do be done, using Association funds as it deems necessary,.

Adjournment. On motion of Ted See, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm.