

Stonefield Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Annual Meeting
March 25, 2015

Stonefield Residents Present: The sign-in sheet circulated during the meeting shows that 22 Stonefield residents were in attendance.

Officers and Volunteers Present: Norm Arendt (President), David Diercks (Treasurer), Ralph Swoboda (Secretary), Jim Dvorsky (Director), Mike Adler (Director), Jeff Mattox (Webmaster).

Also Present: Mike Davis (City Administrator), Jesse Selleck (Middleton Police Department), Mark Wagner (City Forester), Linda Yu and Todd Smith (School Board Candidates, District 4), Tia Eady and Ann Bauer (School Board Candidates, District 5).

1. Call to Order. President Norm Arendt called the meeting at the Middleton Sport Bowl to order at 7:10 pm and introduced the Association volunteers and guests.

2. Neighborhood Crime. Officer Jesse Selleck stated that Howard Statz has succeeded him as the Liaison Officer for Stonefield. Howard can be contacted at hstatz@ci.middleton.wi.us. Jesse reported that crime in Stonefield was down in 2014 compared with the prior year. There were two burglaries and a few thefts from unlocked cars.

3. City of Middleton Report. Middleton City Administrator Mike Davis reported on current developments in Middleton, including the securing of tax incremental financing for a new Meriter Health Services office, construction of a new facility for public events on Terrace Avenue to be managed by Capital Brewery, and the re-location of several businesses to Middleton. Construction of new multi-family residences are underway, resulting in large part from the demand for housing from growing employment at Epic Systems. The final Middleton "Green & Clean" day will be on April 18. In the future the new Middleton Recycling Center will fulfill that function on a continuing basis.

4. Forestry Report. City Forester Mark Wagner reported that his department will be cleaning up the strip along Old Middleton Road in Stonefield this summer. Last winter the city dealt with the ash borer problem by cutting down 170 trees and replacing them with new ones. There were no affected trees in Stonefield. The city has concluded that it is more cost-effective to cut down and replace affected trees than to treat them, since available treatments are only a temporary fix and must be repeated every few years. Also, the chemicals used to treat for ash borers may have adverse environmental impacts.

5. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer David Diercks distributed a financial report showing the current checkbook balance of \$12,587. He also presented a budget of \$7,010 in revenue and \$3,906 in expenses for the coming financial year, reflecting the semi-annual receipt of dues and publication of the Stonefield directory. The members voted unanimously to receive the Treasurer's report and to approve the 2015-2016 budget as presented.

6. 4th of July Event. Stephanie Weix reported that she and her husband Michael Leffel will be stepping down as the organizers of the annual Stonefield 4th of July Parade and Picnic. Stephanie introduced Nicole Anspach, who has agreed to head up the July 4th event going forward and will also assist Robin Sweet with social and welcome activities. On behalf of the Association, Norm Arendt thanked Stephanie and Michael for the great job they have done in organizing the 4th of July event.

7. Website Administration. Webmaster Jeff Mattox reported that the Stonefield Neighborhood Association website continues to function well and that he will be happy to continue maintaining it. Lavanya Sitamraju and Jim Emerich volunteered to assist Jeff with publishing the next edition of the neighborhood directory and with maintaining the website.

8. School Board Candidates. The four Middleton-Cross Plains School Board candidates (named above) each spoke for 5-6 minutes on their qualifications and plans should they be elected. They also took questions from the Stonefield residents present. Several of the latter thanked the candidates for attending the meeting and for their candor in responding to questions.

9. Election of Officers and Directors. Norm Arendt indicated that he would like to step down as President, having served for about seven years in that post and asked if there were any volunteers to replace him. Luke Francios of 6607 Clovernook Rd indicated that he would be willing to serve as President with the understanding that Norm would continue to be involved as past president and consultant. Norm accepted the offer and noted that the other officers/board members have indicated their willingness to continue in their present positions.

Accordingly, there being no other nominees, the following officers and directors were unanimously elected for a one-year term:

President:	Luke Francios
Past President/Consultant:	Norm Arendt
Treasurer:	David Diercks
Secretary:	Ralph Swoboda
Directors:	Jim Dvorsky and Mike Adler

Luke Francois expressed his gratitude for being elected President. He stated that as his first official act he wished to thank Norm Arendt on behalf of the

membership for Norm's exemplary services to the Stonefield Neighborhood Association, an announcement that was met with applause from all present.

8. Adjournment. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Swoboda, Secretary