

Stonefield Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Annual Meeting
April 20, 2016

Stonefield Residents Present: The sign-in sheet circulated during the meeting showed that a total of 35 Stonefield residents were in attendance.

Officers and Volunteers Present: Luke Francois (President), David Diercks (Treasurer), Ralph Swoboda (Secretary), Jim Dvorsky and Mike Adler (Directors), Jeff Mattox (Webmaster), Kristin Florin and Jennifer Cliff (Welcoming Committee), Nicole Anspach (Social Committee)

Invited Guests: Mike Davis (City of Middleton Administrator), Matthew Jacobs (Middleton Police Department), Mark Wagner (City Forester), Chris Goodwin (Estate Tree Care Specialists)

1. Call to Order. President Luke Francois called the meeting at the Middleton Sport Bowl to order at 7:05 pm and introduced the Association's officers, volunteers and invited guests.

2. Ash Borer Update. Chris Goodwin, a commercial tree care specialist, and City Forester Mark Wagner provided a detailed update on the current status of City and private efforts to control the ash borer problem, along with their recommendations on what residents can do.

3. Neighborhood Crime. Officer Matthew Jacobs reported that over the last year crime in Stonefield has continued its downward trend since 2013, when there were several home break-ins. In recent months, there has been just one break-in (during the day, when the residents were gone) and a few minor thefts 'of opportunity' via left-open garage doors and unlocked cars.

4. City of Middleton Report. City Administrator Mike Davis reported on current developments in Middleton, including plans for road work over the coming year, for which City borrowing has increased by 50% to \$3 million in total. He also reported on economic development underway, including Fiskars setting up their North American headquarters in Middleton, Spectrum expanding its presence here, and a solar energy project being undertaken by MG&E.

5. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer David Diercks distributed a financial report for the 2015-16 financial year (which ended March 31) showing total revenue of \$7,090 and expenses of \$3,545, resulting in net income \$441 better than budget. Dues receipts in 2015 reflected the current membership of 221, which is up from 219 when dues were last collected in 2013.

Dave also presented a budget of \$425 in revenue and \$3,046 in expenses for the current 2016-17 financial year. The planned decrease in revenue results from the semi-annual receipt of dues and publication of the Stonefield directory not occurring during this financial year. The shortfall can be easily accommodated, since the Association started the year with a balance of \$16,131 in its bank account.

On motion by Bob Sladky, seconded by Rollie Boeding, the members voted unanimously to receive the Treasurer's report and to approve the 2016-2017 budget as recommended.

6. Committee Reports. Luke Francois, assisted by other volunteers, briefed the membership on recent activities of the Association, including on-going efforts by Board members to maintain compliance with the covenants governing Stonefield, publication last year of the Stonefield directory (led by Jeff Mattox), activities of the Welcoming Committee (Kristin Florin and Jennifer Cliff), which delivers welcome baskets to new neighbors, and the work of the Social Committee (chaired by Nicole Anspach) in organizing another successful 4th of July event for the neighborhood.

Jim Dvorsky reported on progress toward organizing the annual Spring Clean Up, which is scheduled for May 14. Luke Francois noted that there is a need for more volunteers for the 4th of July event this year.

7. Strategic Plan. Luke Francois reported that the Board of Directors has commenced work on a strategic plan and asked the members present to suggest objectives for the Association. It was pointed out from the floor that the Board should consider engaging professional help for maintaining the entrances to Stonefield, including the sign on Old Middleton Road. There was a discussion of what funding would be needed and whether a dues increase should be adopted. It was noted that, since dues are collected only every other year, no action needs to be taken on dues at this meeting.

Accordingly, on motion of Ralph Swoboda, seconded by Doug Caruso, it was unanimously voted that the Board should continue its process of developing a strategic plan, with input from the membership, and present its plan and recommendation for funding when dues are determined at next year's Spring Annual Meeting.

8. Election of Officers and Directors.

The current officers and directors each indicated that they were willing to stand for another one year term but would also be happy to step aside if others wished to serve in their places. Kristin Florin and Dennis Cliff volunteered to serve as Directors at large, and, accordingly, Jim Dvorsky and Mike Adler both stated that

they would step down from those positions. The President called for other nominees, and there were none.

There being only one nominee for each position, Doug Caruso moved, seconded by Nicole Anspach, that the Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous ballot to elect the following to one-year terms in the positions indicated:

President:	Luke Francois
Treasurer:	David Diercks
Secretary:	Ralph Swoboda
Directors:	Kristin Florin and Dennis Cliff

The motion passed unanimously.

Without objection, Luke Francois suggested that Jim Dvorsky and Mike Adler should continue to participate in Board meetings as Associate Directors, which they agreed to do. Luke also noted that all members are welcome to attend and provide input at meetings of the Board of Directors, which are held every other month .

9. Adjournment. There being no other business, on motion of Jacci See, seconded by Todd Smith, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Swoboda, Secretary