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**Stonefield Neighborhood Association  
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting  
February 17, 2016**

**Directors Present:** Luke Francois (President), David Diercks (Treasurer), Ralph Swoboda (Secretary), Jim Dvorsky, Mike Adler

**Also Present:** Jeff Mattox, Webmaster

- 1. Call to Order.** The Board met at the home of the President Luke Francois, who called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- 2. Consent Agenda.** There being no objection, the agenda prepared by the President was adopted by common consent.
- 3. Minutes.** Draft minutes of the Board meeting on December 16, 2016, as prepared by the Secretary, were reviewed and, on motion of David Diercks, seconded by Luke Francois, the minutes were approved.
- 4. Treasurer's Report.** David Diercks presented a financial report showing that, as of February 15, 2016, the Association has total income of \$7,090 and total expenses of \$3,257 for the current fiscal year ending April 1, 2016. Net income so far of \$3,833 is ahead of the budgeted \$3,104, and current membership of 221 has grown from 219 when dues were last collected in 2013..

David also presented a proposed budget for 2016-17 of \$425 income and \$3,046 in expenses, for a budgeted loss of \$2,621. To cover that loss, the association has \$16,420 in its bank account, reflecting the every-other-year receipt of dues and publication of the Stonefield directory, which occurred during this financial year. No change in the biennial dues rate of \$30 per household is needed.

On motion of Luke Francois, seconded by Mike Adler, it was voted to accept the Treasurer's Report and to recommend the proposed budget for approval by the membership at the upcoming annual meeting.

- 5. Emerald Ash Borers.** Communications from neighbors regarding this issue were discussed and, by common consent, it was agreed that the Board will (1) invite a tree expert to address the annual meeting and advise on how residents can most cost-effectively treat trees on private land, (2) contact our alderperson as to the availability of city contingency funds to expedite tree replacement on the city-owned land between the sidewalks and streets, and (3) explore the feasibility of sponsoring an "Adopt-a-Tree" program for private donations to pay for tree replacement to the extent city funds are not available. The President will contact

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· Joined the meeting at 8:10 pm

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the City regarding these and other potential options.

**6. Post Lamp Replacement.** Madison Lighting has been contacted to learn if a group purchase reduction in pricing was possible. Since each home would have a different scope of work and its own times when the electrician would be able to enter to the home to turn off power, it will be necessary for each home owner contract for services. No formal action was taken.

**7. Covenants Compliance and Education Committee.** It was unanimously agreed that door hanger reminders will be given to residents who have been identified as having fences falling over and in need of repair (in one case) and trash accumulating in sight of the street, alongside a garage (in the other).

**8. Membership Directory.** Jeff Mattox reported that publication of the directory went well. He recommended that for the next edition in 2017, the change in ad format to PDF should be retained and also that residents be encouraged to use the supplied, preprinted forms to submit information.

Jeff indicated that he is looking for someone to take over responsibility for producing the directory. Experience with database management is preferred.

**9. Welcoming Committee.** Luke Francois reported that Robin Sweet has passed along leadership of this function to Kristin Florin and Jennifer Cliff. Welcome baskets are being delivered to new residents, and the Committee has requested that board members and other committee heads pass along to them information about new property owners in Stonefield.

**10. Social Committee.** Luke Francois passed along a report from Committee head Nicole Anspach that work has begun on planning a Spring Clean-Up and Social, along with selecting the exact date and location. Following on Jim Dvorsky's template for past Clean-Ups, volunteers will be identified to bring bags and collect trash and dead leaves in nine or ten designated areas as well as the parks, railroad tracks, and at the school. The plan is to do it on a Saturday with a social to follow that night.

**11. Annual Membership Meeting.** Luke Francois reported that the upstairs area of the Middleton Sports Bowl has been confirmed for the Annual Meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. \$200 has have been budgeted for providing finger food, beer and soda, but the spend will depend on attendance. (\$50 was the cost last year.)

By common consent, the agenda will finalized by the President to include presentations from invited guests, the Treasurer's report and approval of the budget, board/committee reports and elections.

Mike Adler, Jim Dvorsky and Ralph Swoboda are open to running as incumbent

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members but are willing stand aside for new members running if any are interested. David Diercks is undecided about standing for another term as Treasurer.

Invited speakers will include a tree specialist (to answer questions about emerald ash disease), City Administrator Mike Davis and the Middleton Police Department liaison for Stonefield.

**12. Wydown Architectural Review Committee.** As a matter only for information, David Diercks reported that the Committee will be conducting an election and will be soon meeting with potential candidates.

**13. Strategic Plan.** The directors had a general discussion of strategy going forward, including the need to schedule projects in a proactive manner to take advantage of pricing opportunities and timing, to prepare a calendar of decisions required on an annual basis, and to allocate resources to best meet member needs. No formal action was taken.

**14. Next Board Meeting.** The next meeting will be the annual general meeting of the membership at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at the Middleton Sport Bowl.

**15. Adjournment.** On motion of Ralph Swoboda, seconded by Mike Adler it was voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ralph Swoboda, Secretary