

Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting March 1, 2022

Call to order: A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 1, 2021, via Zoom by Mark Richter.

Present: Mark Richter - President, Katina Gionteris – Secretary, Brian Love – Treasurer, Tina Burne, Courtney Rosenberg, Matt Milano, Emma Barnes, Harlan Fichtenholtz – Vice President, Stephen Palumbo Jr., Alison Bromage, Ellen Page, Nick Fischer – Tax Collector

Absent: Hannah Purdy – Clerk, Robin Tierney, Greg Ames – Auditor

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Minutes: A motion was made by Steve Palumbo Jr., seconded by Harlan Fichtenholtz to accept the minutes with the following changes from the 2/1/2022 meeting. All were in favor.

- Remove the names of property owners in the minutes and refer to them only as property owner of given address.

Treasurer's report

- No bills were presented to be paid.
- Brian Love presented the treasurers report for the month. We started out February with \$40,145.52, minus the bills paid in the amount of \$2170 during the month of February. Our current cash on hand in the checking account is \$37,975. The CDs have \$10,085 and \$20,368 for a total of \$30,453 plus the cash on hand in the checking comes to total assets of \$68,428.
- There was a motion to approve the treasurers report for audit made Harlan Fichtenholtz and seconded by Steve Palumbo Jr. All were in favor to accept the treasurer's report for audit.
- Brian Love will send the proposed budget out for next year at the next meeting.

Tax collector's report: No report

Legal & Zoning

- Matt Milano reported that there were permits taken out for 2 Buena Vista renovations, 6 Buena Vista renovations, 240 Thimble Island Rd for a new house to be built and 11 Ridge Rd for an addition.
- Ellen Page reported that there were variance applications submitted for: 218 Thimble Island Rd. to put an office and maybe an apartment above the garages; and 27 Halls Point Rd to build an office above a shed. The variance meeting will be held on March 3rd.
- Ellen Page learned that the new owners of 4 Three Elms Rd. are planning on putting two high end condos there.

Police and traffic

- Steve Palumbo Jr. reported that he and Tina Burne will go around Stony Creek to identify blind spots and present them to the Police Commission.
- In order to get a crosswalk added by the four way stop, we have to go thru South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRC) who were behind the route 146 study. Steve Palumbo Jr. will contact Jamie Cosgrove to find out who the town seat is on the SCRC. The study has good pictures that Steve Palumbo Jr. can include to request the crosswalk. Our representative Sean Scanlon has expressed support for a crosswalk there in the past. Mark Richter will reach out to representative Sean Scanlon.

Maintenance

- Courtney Rosenberg reported that there are cones over the holes at Madiera Park. These will not be fixed until the weather clears.
- She heard from Alex Palluzzi that there was approximately \$10,000 worth of work done to the potty trailer which came out of the Parks and Recreation Department budget. The trailer will be put in place by Memorial Day.
- She is waiting for the order status on the benches and garbage cans. They were ordered through the town and then we will reimburse them. There is a shipping cost for the garbage cans and we will get the total cost from the town once that is known. Not sure of the date for the sand blasting of the existing trash receptacles in town.
- Emma Barnes contacted the transfer station about addition a stop if we add a garbage can at the library. She is waiting to hear back from them.
- Spring is coming and we need to decide if we want to hire Wayne again this year. The maintenance committee has a list of tasks that need to be done/have been done in the past that they can discuss with Wayne.

Charter Review Committee

- Harlan Fichtenholtz reported that the charter review committee would like to get the Charter revision on the ballot for this July. In order to do that they need to make sure they are doing things correctly and not have to wait to make sure someone is available to review our documents.
- The committee is asking for approval to spend up to \$5,000 to hire attorney Steven Mednik.
- Ellen Page motioned and Emma Barnes seconded a proposal to approve \$5,000 to hire the lawyer for the Charter review. All were in favor.
- Committee member Linda Reed reported that there is an additional fee for posting a legal notice about the charter revision in the newspaper.

Nominating and election committee:

- Harlan Fichtenholtz will work with Tina Burne to start the nominations process.
- Mark Richter announced that Amy Bloom is no longer on the board due to four absences. Robin Tierney who is next on the list will be joining the board next month.

Stony Creek Day committee

- The committee is requesting \$5,000 from the Stony Creek Association in start up funds to get Stony Creek Day to be held on September 17th up and running.
- Steve Palumbo Jr. made a motion and Tina Burne seconded to approve \$5,000 for Stony Creek Day. All were in favor.
- Courtney Rosenberg delivered sponsorship letters to 22 businesses in Stony Creek. So far she has received 3 approvals. If there are any businesses in town that have not received sponsorship letters please feel free to contact Courtney Rosenberg.
- The Legacy Theatre has agreed to show a movie at 5:00 pm on Stony Creek Day about Stony Creek. They have also agreed to an 11:00 am showing of Tales of Christopher Robin and Winnie the Pooh for kids on Stony Creek Day.

Old business

- Neighbors in need – No discussion

New Business

- Harlan Fichtenholtz mentioned that he was asked about the increasing number of high tides. Ted Ells mentioned that the town of Branford has a Coastal Vulnerability Committee headed by Peter Henschel. Can a member of the SCA also be involved in this committee?
- Katina Gionteris will purchase binders to be placed at the Stony Creek Market and the Willoughby Wallace Library to hold the minutes of the Stony Creek Association meetings. These binders will be available to the public. Emma Barnes will post the minutes to the SCA meetings at the kiosk at the Willoughby Wallace Library.
- Courtney Rosenberg asked if we ever invite representatives to the meeting to let us know about issues at the RTM effecting Stony Creek? We can talk to our representatives Josh Brooks and Peter Henschel and ask them if there are issues that we should be aware of then please let us know and feel free to bring it to the SCA meetings.
- The town is working on preventing the flooding under the railroad bridge. The people of Stony Creek would prefer that the work and money be put into preventing the flooding rather than the alert system to tell people there is flooding.

Steve Palumbo Jr. motioned and Matt Milano seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Katina Gionteris, Secretary
Hannah Purdy, Clerk