

Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting
September 3, 2024

Call to order: A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:06 p.m. on Tuesday September 3, 2024 at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library by Mark Richter.

Present: Mark Richter - President, Harlan Fichtenholtz-Vice President, Matt Milano, Brian Love-Treasurer, Kate Waldron, Mark Gaynor, Dan Bullard, Amy Bloom, Courtney Rosenberg, Randi O'Brien, Clara Pagliaro, Sara Richter

Absent: Nick Fischer – Tax Collector, Stephen Palumbo Jr.

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Minutes:

- A motion was made by Courtney Rosenberg to make an edit to last month's Minutes. Peter Henschel name was misspelled in the maintenance report.
- Mark Gaynor motions to make a change to the Bi-Laws Committee. Mark Richter is the chair and Mark Gaynor is on the board.
- Amy Bloom motions to approve, and Mark Gaynor seconds. All were in favor.
- We want to build a better community! Please reach out to your neighbors and encourage them to sign up to our email list.
- Betsy would like there to be more communication between the SCA and the community about the guidelines and laws in our town.
- Randi would like there to be an open house so we can build a better community. We want to share our mission and what we desire for our village, as well as hear from you.

Treasurer's Report

- Brian Love read the bills report for this month totaling \$5,371.74 (see attached). A check will be made for the tent rental and musician for Stony Creek Day. Kate Waldron motions to approve, and Randi seconds. All were in favor.
- Brian Love read the treasurer's report for this month. We began the month with \$55,075.64 cash on hand in the checking account. We paid bills in the amount of \$5,371.74, deposited a total of \$10,173.11, and ended the month of August with a total of \$59,760.68.
- Mark Gaynor motioned to forward the treasurers report for audit, and Amy Bloom seconds. All were in favor.
- Brian states a few checks bounced and an overdraft fee will be charged to the tax account. Nick Fischer will follow up as he is the tax collector.

Tax Collector's Report

- Matt Milano read the tax collection report (see attached).

Legal and Zoning

- Kate Waldron reported that there were no Stony Creek properties on the Planning and Zoning agenda.

Police and Traffic

- Mark Richter and Dan Bullard spoke with Lt. Watrous.
- Line painting is scheduled for this month, as the work order has been submitted and approved. There is currently not a date for the painting because Lt. Watrous was unsure if they would use regular paint or epoxy, and if public works will do it or if they will subcontract it out.
- Cortney Rosenberg states speed bumps are a possibility in the future. They currently are not able to separate Stony Creek from Branford. Fortunately, there has been enough feedback from the town of Branford that they are going to look further into getting them set up around the

whole town. Amy questions if the SCA can pay for the speedbumps- no, as they are town roads.

- Mark Richter will look into a radar speed sign to be installed across from the museum, before the train tracks. Harlan asked about a radar speed sign on 146. Clara states the senator is taking care of that, as she is aware of the issue, and she will reach out to John to see if there's anything we can do.
- The South Central Regional Traffic Enforcement Unit was only here for an hour before they left because they received so many calls complaining of their presence.

Randi wants to follow up every month about the speed signs.

- Mark Gaynor is wondering if the community can be involved to help control the traffic. Tell people to slow down!
- Harlan is wondering if there can be a SCA member on the traffic commission. Mark Richter will look into this. Val is currently a police commissioner and Mark speaks to her frequently to discuss our issues.
- Dan Bullard will set up a meeting with the police commissioner to keep the discussion going about the traffic concerns.
- The SCA is asking for your help to keep our town safe. If you see someone speeding, or if you see dogs at the park, please speak up.

Maintenance:

- Courtney Rosenberg was happy to report that Jake has fixed the dumpster issue down at the dock. They are town dumpsters, and more grey garbage bins have been delivered down to the docks.
- Dan Bullard called Jamie and has not heard back about the ladder at the dock.
- Courtney Rosenberg states the trailer will be leaving Madeira Park very soon and they will be replaced with portopottys, which will stay through Columbus Day weekend.
- Amy Bloom states the dog sign was torn down shortly after it was put up. The thought is to put the sign up higher so it cannot be easily torn down and to reinforce the sign.
- Matt Milano will fix the sign.

(Dogs are welcome on the field on Sundays, only during the Farmers Market. Dogs are not allowed on the playground at any time)

Bi-Laws Committee

- Nothing to report.

Stony Creek Day Committee

- Stony Creek Day is this Saturday! Please come and support the community! Courtney encourages all children and adults to participate in the games and crafts. It's going to be a great day of fun for everyone!
- Courtney would like to thank everyone on the committee, your hours and time are truly appreciated.
- Another reminder that the parade is this Saturday at 1:30 and the road will be closed.

Special Events Committee/Farmers Market

- Clara Pagliaro states the vendors are interested in continuing the market through December, and proposed doing 2 holiday markets, the week before Thanksgiving and the week before Christmas.
- Mark Richter read a letter from a concerned citizen that reads: (see attached)
- Mark wrote back to Rabi and states he apologized for their interaction.
- Clara will tell the vendors not to play music from 8-10 and only keep music from 10-2, as she fully respects our neighbor's concern.
- Brian states the hours musicians are playing at the market are within the town ordinance.
- The music is scheduled already for the rest of this season, but for next year we will set up parameters for what kind of music our community wants and our guidelines for how loud the music is.
- Clara states the market manager on site for the future market dates will monitor the volume of the music and be sure it is kept at a reasonable level.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Amy Bloom motioned to adjourn and Dan Bullard seconds. All were in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Richter