

Minutes of the Stony Creek Association – Executive Board Meeting

May 6, 2025

Call to order: A meeting of the Stony Creek Association Executive Board was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday May 6, 2025, at the Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library by Mark Richter.

Present: Mark Richter- President, Harlan Fichtenholtz-Vice President (zoom), Brain Love-Treasurer, Courtney Rosenberg, Kate Waldron, Dan Bullard, Matt Milano, Amy Bloom, Mark Gaynor, Sara Richter, Clara Pagliaro (zoom)

Absent: Nick Fischer- Tax Collector, Stephen Palumbo Jr., Randi O'Brien,

Public: 1

Mark Richter stated that Brain Love will be late to the meeting and requested to adjust the agenda.

Amy Bloom motions to move the Treasurer's Report and Budget Review to after Maintenance. Courtney Rosenberg seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes:

Matt Milano motioned to accept the minutes from April 1st. Kate Waldron seconded. All were in favor.

Tax Collector's Report

- No report available to read.
- Approximately 99% of the totally taxes due have been collected.

Nomination and Election

- Dan Bullard, Courtney Rosenberg, Stephen Palumbo Jr., Amy Bloom, and Harlan Fichtenholtz are all up for re-election.
- Dan Bullard stated there are a few people willing to run:

- Nancy Davis and Issa (across from Thimbleberry), possibly Julie.
- We still need an auditor.
- ACTION: Sara Richter will put the Stony Creek Association information on the welcome table at the Farmer's Market.
- ACTION: If you're a board member, and you are attending the farmers market, wear a nametag stating you are with the association, and invite questions.
- Ed Gagliardi, a member of the public, stated the community is not eager to join the board.
- Stony Creek Association truly would value anyone willing to join the board.
- The more you put your name in, the more visibility you gain.

Legal and Zoning

- Kate Waldron had nothing to report from Legal & Zoning.

Police & Traffic

- Dan Bullard reported that he and Randi O'Brien met with police commissioner.
- Police visited several times and did not observe any issues with the parking sign in front of the Milano's driveway
- The Chief observed the sign himself and noted it was on a telephone pole and needed to be moved.
- Mark Richter states he spoke with Captain Watrous today:
 - The parking sign in front of the Milano's driveway will be moved.
 - Two spots have chosen for radar speed signs:
 - As you come around the corner passed the library at the triangle, and across from the museum, which is marked with a white post and "Call Before You Dig" marking.
- Harlan Fichtenholtz asked if there was a way to get an additional sign at the School Street crosswalk on Leete's Island- Mark. Richter will review this with the Police Captain.
- Because Stony Creek is a low crime area, the Police Chief will check if new COs (Community Officer) have applied. However, pay is low and no one wants the position
- Ed Gagliardi noted there is not a pop-up on School Street and Leete's Island
- Mark Gaynor asked whether a rumble strip could be installed where the stop sign was requested on school street.
- Harlan Fichtenholtz questioned whether, if the police will not post an officer down here, some form of safety measures could be installed instead.

- Suggestion made to piggyback on upcoming changes - if 146 is going to be paved, can something be added during construction.
- ACTION: We have a serious problem at the crosswalk. People don't stop and we are worried that there is going to be a serious accident.
- It was noted: you cannot have a crosswalk without a sidewalk.

Maintenance

- Courtney Rosenberg reported the work on the fountain was completed.
- Mark Richter states the tree was removed- it was seriously rootbound and lifting the curbing and sidewalk.
- Sandy connected with a landscape architect willing to donate his time and offer suggestions for new plantings.
- Nick Fischer did the repair and avoided having to dig up the road.
- Mark Richter had the fountain sidewalk power-washed
- Shelly Brothers were contacted, and a quote was requested for cleaning.
- At the end of the season, the board will decide whether to do work on the vault, install a new water shut-off, and consider auto irrigation around the triangle
- Current plantings are temporary.
- Ed Gagliardi questions why The Stony Creek Association is paying for plantings when the town should cover these costs. He suggested pressuring the town to pay or reimburse us.
- ACTION: Mark Richter to call Gary Zalinski to request the street sign blocking Michelle's "Welcome to Stony Creek" sign by moved.
- Stony Creek Clean Up was successful.
- Amtrak is responsible for the grass under the train underpass.
- ACTION: Courtney Rosenberg will ask Darin to mow the grass strip under the train to the sidewalks end in front of Stony Creek Depot.

Treasurer's Report

- Brian love read the bills for this month (see attached).
- Kate Waldron motioned to pay the bills as presented and Mark Gaynor seconded. All were in favor.
- Brain Love reported there is \$35,594 in the checking account and \$10,176 in CD, for a total of 46,975.
- Funds from taxes need to be moved.
- Ed Gagliardi questioned why more money in the checking account isn't moved to CDs.

- Matt Milano motioned to send report to auditor, Kate Waldron seconded, and all were in favor.

Proposed Budget

- Brain Love increased expenses to account for inflation.
- Any additional events should be planned and budgeted for in advance.
- The proposed budget was discussed and will be finalized before the next meeting.

Stony Creek Day Committee

- Courtney Rosenberg reported planning for Stony Creek Day is proceeding well.
- Some last-minute changes are being made to the music lineup.
- Don't forget! Sept 6th is Stony Creek Day.
- Event planning meetings are held the Last Tuesday of every month here at the library.

Special Events Committee

- Stony Creek Farmers Market: May 18th from 10 AM – 2 PM.
- Stony Creek Tag Sale: June 7th from 8 AM -1 PM
- Strawberry Festival: June 7th from 11 AM – 3 PM

Old Business

No report

New Business

- Dan Bullard was asked to participate in Blessing of the Fleet and inquired if we as the Association could participate.
- Dan Bullard asked Amy Bloom to collaborate in making a brochure for the Stony Creek Association to distribute at the Farmer's Market.
- A parking information packet will be reviewed by Mark Richter and discussed at the next meeting

Matt Milano motioned to adjourn, and Kate Waldron seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Richter

