

## Stonegate on the Park Homes Association 2016 Annual Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 01/19/2016

**Time:** 7:02 p.m.

**Board:** Rick Nelson (President), Joe Kauth (Vice President), Randy Cotter (Treasurer), Ryan Van Nice (Secretary), Mike and Judy Robben (Grounds/Maintenance)

**Residents:** Kim Kauth, Joe Belek, Lloyd and Susan Karnes, Seth Goeken, Mike and Judy Robben, and Linda Redford (nine total homes represented)

### Welcome

Rick Nelson opened the meeting and introduced the board.

### Official Business

Monument Maintenance – The monument at the entrance of the neighborhood (on Benson Street) has several light bulbs in need of attention, as several bulbs have burned out and require replacement. It was suggested that the new bulbs be upgraded to new LED bulbs that would last much longer and require much less energy, although at a higher up-front cost. Costs of upgrading all monument bulbs (up to 17 total bulbs) is estimated to cost not more than \$500. It was approved by voice vote to amend the proposed budget (below) ‘Electrical Maintenance’ heading from \$500 to \$1000, with the difference coming from reserves. Joe Kauth will perform the purchasing and installation.

Budget – Randy Cotter proposed the 2016 budget, which was identical to the 2015 budget, save the amendment made above. The budget was approved by voice vote. Consequently, **annual dues remain unchanged at \$324.**

### Open Discussion

New Residents – Several homes have been sold in the last few years, and with them come new residents. There are currently no policies in effect for welcoming or acquiring demographic information from new residents. In the past, a welcome packet and a housewarming gift (furnished by Hy-Vee) was given to new residents. After discussion about the specifics of any new policy, it was decided that Randy Cotter will inform the Board of impending closing dates, and that Kim Kauth will welcome the new residents personally with information about the neighborhood and HOA, a demographics sheet, and a small gift.

Social Events – In 2014 there were several successful social events in the neighborhood, but 2015 did not see that trend continue. This was attributed to several sources, including busy schedules and erratic weather. Regardless, Randy Cotter offered to host one or two events this year. It was agreed that the Board will tentatively schedule four social events, two in the spring and two in the fall. Events will likely consist of a simple gathering in the driveway or cul-de-sac of the host, with pizza or some other food available, provided by the Board.

Kim Kauth has also reached out to other neighboring subdivisions to possibly organize joint activities, as our HOA is not large enough to fund larger, more structured events. She will continue to look for such opportunities, and Stonegate residents will be informed of any confirmed events.

Rental Properties / By-Laws – Given the location and property values of our subdivision, it was agreed by all in attendance that the likelihood of Stonegate properties becoming rental properties was likely to increase. Everyone in attendance also agreed that the Board should consider amending the by-laws to prohibit rentals, as is common in our area. After much discussion on the topic, including potential legal costs, it was agreed that the Board would look into the issue and have a recommendation by the end of June. Given the various challenges that amending the By-Laws entails, the Board will review the entirety of the By-Laws to determine if any other clauses need updating.

## **Election of Officers**

The offices of Vice President, Treasurer, and Grounds/Maintenance were up for election, having reached the end of their two-year terms. The following were elected by voice vote:

- Vice President –Joe Kauth
- Treasurer – Randy Cotter
- Grounds/Maintenance – Mike and Judy Robben

Joe, Randy, and the Robbens were all re-elected from the previous Board. Rick and Ryan are very happy to have them back and look forward to working with them in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.