

**STONEGATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
11551 E MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 26, 2021**

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Craig Zirbel, President
Rob Fishman, Vice President
Tom Schaefer, Treasurer
Lori Condon, Secretary
Gene Evans, Director
Jamie Snedaker, Director

Absent: Eli Gruber, Director

Staff: Larry Paprocki, Executive Director
Lora Stacy, Assistant Executive Director/Accountant
Catherine Bryson, Communications Coordinator

Also Attended: Stonegate Homeowners

CALL TO ORDER

President Zirbel called the meeting of the Stonegate Community Association Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:21 p.m., noting the presence of a quorum.

RESIDENTS' FORUM

President Zirbel stated each resident may speak for 3 minutes on each topic presented during the meeting.

Robert Schneiderman of Tradewinds stated he would like to see more security in Stonegate. He suggested having a police substation at the East gate to deter people from coming in. Mr. Schneiderman offered to volunteer on a security committee.

Andre Xavier of the Retreat discussed a presentation he compiled on the Pickleball reservation system. He would like to see changes to the reservation system so more residents would have the opportunity to make reservations.

President Zirbel stated this issue would be discussed later in the meeting.

MINUTES

July 22, 2021 Meeting

Mr. Evans moved the Board approve the meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Fishman. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Schaefer reviewed the Association financial statements, as prepared by Association staff, for the period ending July 31, 2021. He advised that he has reviewed the bank statements and they are in order.

Mr. Schaefer stated there was nothing remarkable for the month and July was following the previous pattern of 2021. SCA had a profit of \$21,000. Also, similar variances from the previous month continue, mostly due to the inability to hire maintenance workers and not having any social activities. Mr. Schaefer said the receivables are in good shape.

Mr. Schaefer explained during the last 2 weeks, SCA has sustained a substantial amount of storm damage. Funds will go toward the cleanup and replanting. He responded to questions and comments from the Board members regarding the financials.

Mr. Evans moved the Board approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Fishman. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Paprocki stated 110 trees were lost in the last 4 weeks. Some of the trees were mature and big. Great Designer Landscape has been handling trees beyond SCA's capacity, root balls and dangerous trees. At this time, fees are estimated to be \$49,000 for hours, equipment and dumping fees. There will be fees for replanting all new trees.

Mr. Paprocki explained the bathhouse was completed and has been open but needed to be closed for 1 1/2 days to apply a coat of skid-resistant seal to the tiles. The bathhouse is now open.

Ms. Grow, a Saddleback resident, questioned the email communication regarding the closure of the bathhouse.

Another resident questioned who is responsible for applying the non-skid product.

Mr. Paprocki stated the Association maintains the bathhouse area.

Mr. Paprocki explained the recreational rules were edited to follow consistency and wording and he requests they be ratified.

Mr. Paprocki stated Zoom may become a way of life for community meetings and he is looking into different options to upgrade the system.

Mr. Schewchuk, a Vintage resident, questioned when zoom improvements would occur.

Mr. Paprocki stated this would be investigated in the upcoming month.

Mr. Paprocki received a letter from a homeowner in Tradewinds. Their neighbor doesn't maintain their landscape and the watering has affected her side gate. Mr. Paprocki stated this is a party wall dispute due to the watering issue.

Mr. Paprocki discussed that a guest of a resident and an Uber driver were in an altercation at the main gate. The guard at the gate called police. Mr. Paprocki filed a complaint and provided information to police. Mr. Paprocki will contact the resident because the guest had an access device.

Mr. Siegel of Tradewinds said he agrees with Mr. Schneiderman that more security is needed at the East gate. Mr. Paprocki stated that SCA provides access control and not security.

BOARD ACTIONS

President Zirbel stated discussion took place in Executive session regarding Committees having to have a Board member as a chairperson.

Approve to remove the requirement of having a Board member be a Chair on a Committee.

Ms. Condon moved the Board approve to remove the requirement of having a Board member be a Chair on a Committee. Seconded by Mr. Schaefer. The motion passed unanimously.

Ratify Recreational Rules Previously Approved

Approved the Recreational Rules Previously Approved except the Board revised maximum number of players on court from 6 players to 4 players plus pro on Tennis and Pickleball courts. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve "Court Reserve" Reservation System

Board approved a new reservation system up to \$1,000 annually. Mr. Paprocki is to review this system to see if it meets SCA's requirements and he is authorized to lease the new system. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Instructor/Pro Application and Agreement and Instructor/Pro Rules

Mr. Fishman moved the Board not approve the Instructor/Pro Application and Agreement and Instructor/Pro Rules. Seconded by Ms. Condon. The motion was denied.

Approve Sherre Phillips as Vice-Chair of Recreational Committee

Discussion took place regarding Sherre Phillips being named Chair of the Committee. Mr. Snedaker moved the Board approve Sherre Phillips as Chair to the Recreational Committee. Seconded by Mr. Schaefer. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Zirbel noted the committee reports were included in the Board packet for Board members review and comment.

Architectural Committee

President Zirbel commented there was nothing remarkable and most were normal requests regarding house colors, roofs, garage doors and landscape changes.

Physical Property Committee

Mr. Fishman reported the Physical Property Committee is going to be evaluating the gate staff and research other access control providers due to inconsistent performance. The Committee also discussed storm damage recovery and tree replacement. Areas of opportunity were discussed to conserve water by converting some turf areas into desert landscape. The pool project was discussed as well as the ramadas, which will be renovated to complete the update to the main recreational area. Street ID signs are also on the project list for 2021 toward the end of the year. The Committee is also discussing solar energy for the community and will be meeting with a consultant.

Social Committee

Mr. Fishman discussed the reservation system for residents utilizing the social room. Also discussed an outdoor Fall Fling with food trucks. He stated the Community Garden is a complicated project and will not happen this year. An indoor Holiday party has been put on hold for a month because of the Covid Delta variant.

Mr. Snedaker moved the Board approve \$2,500 for the Fall Fling. Seconded by Mr. Schaefer. The motion passed unanimously.

Recreational Committee

Ms. Phillips discussed the new rules, the reservation system and the pro applications and rules.

Mr. Xavier explained the frustration of getting a pickleball reservation. There is always the same 2 or 3 residents booked at the same time every day. Ms. Phillips agreed stating a “bot” is probably is used.

An extensive discussion took place among Board members, Committee members and residents. The discussion involved the recreational rules, pros and the reservation system.

Ms. Phillips stated the Committee is aware of all the issues and is working to rectify the situation. She stated a new reservation system not allowing “bots” has been recommended.

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Condon moved the Board adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Fishman. The motion passed unanimously.