

**STONEGATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
11551 E MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD, SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 23, 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 – Mr. Snedaker has Mr. Gruber’s Proxy

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 5:02 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. He requested that residents stand at the podium to address their questions and comments.

Debbie Winemiller, Retreat resident, loves living in Stonegate. She is aware one resident in Stonegate passed away from West Nile Virus and is afraid that Stonegate might start fogging for mosquitoes. She strongly opposes fogging in Stonegate, as it will kill too many creatures along with humans breathing the toxic fumes.

MINUTES

August 26, 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 August 31, 2021. He advised that he has reviewed the bank statements and they are in order.

Mr. Schaefer stated August income was down by \$21,000, but by the end of the year it should be up \$75,000. These funds will be kept in the operating account as a cushion. Stonegate's investments are holding their own. Stonegate has 20% investment funds in equity and 40% in bonds. This ratio is in compliance. The stock market is at a yo-yo pattern at this time.

Mr. Schaefer discussed that property transfers at the end of August were within \$20,000 of the year-end budget. Mr. Schaefer said the receivables are in good shape.

Mr. Schaefer stated the Finance Committee is working on the 2022 budget.

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 Scottsdale's bulk trash pickup is 4 weeks behind. They have now just starting picking up in Stonegate. The next pickup is scheduled for October 4th in Stonegate.

Mr. Paprocki stated the community recreational meeting with homeowners was held on August 31st. Discussion included tennis & pickleball reservations and the pool and spa. Approximately 20 to 25 residents attended. The main topics discussed were the lack of available pickleball courts and the reservation software.

Discussion continued regarding Court Reserve, the new reservation system. Suggestion included only allowing 2 reservations a week during the 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. time slot. Also discussed was not allowing a BOT system to make a reservation. It was noted the new recreational rules were going into effect September 15, 2021.

Mr. Paprocki stated realtors use Stonegate's open house signs. He stated 24 open house signs were purchased and on order.

Mr. Paprocki discussed he would like to have a committee of 3 Board members to join him in conducting an access control search. Difficulties still remain at the main gate with not checking guest's names and not making phone calls. There are 3 shifts at the main gate and more training is required. Mr. Paprocki felt it was time to look for solutions. President Zirbel, Mr. Fishman and Mr. Schaefer volunteered to be part of the search committee.

Mr. Paprocki discussed the storm damage to the fencing at the tennis courts. The repairs started on Monday and should be finished tomorrow. The repair bill will be submitted to the insurance company.

Mike Stanley, Retreat resident, asked about the piggyback pole system. Discussion took place and it was agreed that Mr. Paprocki and President Zirbel would check on this.

Mr. Paprocki discussed the mosquito issue and fogging the community.

Myron Picoult, Retreat resident, questioned the issue with snowbirds with no pool maintenance. Mr. Paprocki stated if the Association is aware, SCA gets the City of Scottsdale involved. Mr. Paprocki stated in the last 6 weeks, 15 pools had to be treated.

Mr. Paprocki discussed he has been in contact with Maricopa County regarding fogging the community. The County told him they do not spray gated communities because they consider them private property. Mr. Paprocki contacted 3 pest control companies but none are capable of fogging an area of this size. Mr. Paprocki will check with Maricopa County as to how to address this situation.

BOARD ACTIONS

Approve Pickleball Hours & Usage.

Discussion ensued regarding Pickleball hours & usage. It was agreed to change the Pickleball reservations to allowing only 2 reservations per lot each week during the hours of 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Instructor Rules and Application

Mr. Evans moved the Board not approve the Instructor/Pro Application and Agreement and Instructor/Pro Rules. Seconded by Mr. Snedaker. 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 the architectural applications received were normal requests.

Physical Property Committee

Mr. Fishman reported the Physical Property Committee discussed the various projects for SCA.

The Committee is waiting for Coral pools to supply SCA with a time schedule for the pool/spa renovation. The Committee is waiting for an estimate on the Ramada renovation. In the month of October, a mixture of 70 to 80 trees and bushes will be planted. Street ID signs should be installed in the month of November with larger reflective letters.

Social Committee

Mr. Fishman discussed the survey that was sent to the community. He reported 140 residents responded. Approximately 67% said they would attend a Fall Fling. Stonegate would pickup the costs. The Social Committee has vendors lined up and will make the best estimates.

Recreational Committee

Ms. Phillips discussed the reservation system. She stated the new system would eliminate a lot of issues. The committee researched 8 – 9 systems and decided the new system was the best for Stonegate’s needs.

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

Mr. Paprocki had a request to set up an Instagram account for Stonegate. Mr. Paprocki explained the Board has always taken the position not to get involved in social media. Mr. Paprocki stated he would research this further.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Evans moved the Board adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Schaefer. The motion passed unanimously.