



Stone Lake Estates HOA Board Meeting Minutes July 17, 2017

Board members present: Karen Dubrow (President), Linda Ali (Vice-President), Padraig O'Suilleabhain (Secretary), David Tacher (Director of Communications), Elaine Stebbins (Director of Landscaping), Mark Johnson (Treasurer), Nicoleta Chouinard (Director of Social Activities),

Board members absent: Carol Troyer (Director of Safety), Dianne Reis (Director of Planning and Zoning)

Homeowners present: David Bubas, Dan Killian, Janet Tanner, Robin Sayler, Hal Stebbins, Jan Wardell

Karen called the Board Meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

The minutes of the 21 June 2017 Board Meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Old business: Steeplechase Park

The proposal by St Andrew Methodist United Church, to expand their parking lot by annexing almost 4 acres of the SE corner of Steeplechase Park for 156 new parking spots, was discussed. A number of Board members and residents had attended a meeting hosted by the church recently where they outlined their plans.

An opinion was offered that the need for additional parking spaces was being overstated, that for majority of their events there is sufficient parking. It was asked whether a pedestrian bridge over Plano Parkway to the overflow parking south of this street would serve, but there was doubt that this is compliant with planning, or feasible.

SAUMC have longstanding rights to build a multistory parking lot, which may become their fall back position if the surface lot expansion is denied, which would be more objectionable to HOA residents. It is believed the height would be capped around 40 feet, the original spire. And the expense to SAUMC would be greater.

At least one board member and some attendees expressed preference that any change be resisted, and the green space retained as is. An alternative position proposed was working with the church, and thus influencing the process and outcome.

If the proposed surface lot is approved, it is hoped the staging will be on church property, and with as little disruption to the residents as possible. HOA would want direct communication with a responsible representative of the church throughout the construction.

SAUMC is offering to Plano Parks and Rec funds of the order of 1.5m in lieu of the ~4 acres, and this could be allocated for alterations to the remainder of Steeplechase Park. There is proposal to install a restroom, and a small number of pickle ball and sand volleyball courts, all on the SE corner of Steeplechase. In addition, a proposal to build a hike and bike trail along the creek. (It was advised this ground can sink, so best build at a distance from the creek).

The merits and demerits to the SLEHOA community of such changes to Steeplechase were debated, and there were a variety of opinions for or against the various elements. Increased pleasurable use for some residents was weighed against reduced pleasurable enjoyment by others relative to the status quo. There was strong concern about safety and hygiene associated with the restrooms: they must be locked at 10pm, and cleaned routinely. Installing outdoor gym equipment was floated but not embraced. There was greater interest in investment in landscaping, and that this be specified early in the process rather than as an afterthought. Concern was expressed about attracting increased external visitors to this neighborhood park, and increased parking and traffic on the adjoining streets. If there are lights, these should be to the east, and not disruptive of sleep of residents.

Karen expressed appreciation to the Board and residents for their input. She and some of the other board members will attend the imminent Plano Parks and Rec meeting to influence the discussions. Karen asked for and received agreement for Board to meet August 2nd if the Parks and Rec meeting transpires in a manner she finds we should address.

2018 Board election:

The Board aims to publicize the election in August newsletter and through outreach to neighbors. At present it appears four or five current board members may be willing and able to stand for re-election. The deadline for ballot distribution is 21 days before the election, scheduled for first half November.

Reports of officers:

Social:

- A block party is being planned for 26th August, with "back to school" theme. This will be at the pond, and a food truck will be available with food for purchase.

Treasurer:

- There is approximately 69 thousand dollars in the checking account and 42 thousand dollars in the savings account.
- Eight people have not yet paid dues. One is expected to have legal protection, and two have recently sold so the dues may have been rolled into the sale.

Safety:

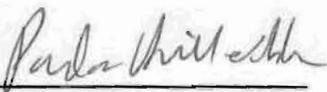
- A vehicle on Pebblestone was burgled July 9th

Next meeting will be held on Tue 15th August 2017 at 7:30 PM at Elaine's home 1408 Tree Farm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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The above meeting minutes were approved by the Board on Aug 15th, 2017



Padraig O'Suilleabhain, Secretary