

Stone Creek First Owners Association
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Newsletter/Minutes
February 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm at #3752. Board members in attendance were officers: Pat Carroll, Mark Heindselman, Bev Persons, and Bryan Benjamin. At large members: Pat McDowell, David Mossbarger, and Karen Carroll. Guests: Kristine Norem.

STANDARD BOARD BUSINESS:

- Bev Persons read the treasurer's report. The current checking account balance is \$14,027.
- A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Bev Persons and seconded by Pat McDowell. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The next HOA Board meeting will be Thursday, March 14, 2019, 6:30pm at #3752.
- Kristine Norem with Fairfax State Savings Bank presented CD rates to the Board. A motion to transfer up to \$150,000 to the Fairfax State Savings Bank was made by Mark Heindselman and seconded by Bev Persons. The motion passed unanimously.
- There will be no dryer vent cleaning by Diversified Builders while snow/ice is present.
- A motion to approve the HOA taxes was made by Bev Persons and seconded by Mark Heindselman. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Board received multiple complaints about snow removal, especially with steep driveways. The HOA is paying for deicer to be placed on the steep driveways. It hasn't been as effective as in the past due to freezing rain changing over to extreme cold conditions. Cutter Construction is no longer using sand due to cost and environmental impacts. The Board recommends owners keep their own deicer and sand on hand to supplement the snow removal crew's work.
- Unit #3746 has a roof leak. Diversified Builders has been contacted.
- A motion to approve singly endorsed checks to pay bills last month was made by Dave Lathrop and seconded by Bev Persons. The motion passed unanimously.
- A tree at unit #3600 will be removed and a new one planted in 2019.
- Loud cracking noises during bitter cold are typical due to the temperature difference between inside and outside. This does not damage your home.
- A roundabout is coming to the intersection of Hwy 151 with Dean Road. There will be a public meeting in Fairfax at City Hall on February 28, 5:30pm.
- The Fairfax city-wide garage sales will be May 18 this year.
- There is mold on the side of unit #3520. The HOA will remove in the spring.
- **Turn clocks ahead for daylight savings time on March 10.**

OLD BUSINESS AND POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Homeowners are recommended to contact their condo insurance provider prior to wind/hail season and increase their "loss assessment" coverage up from the standard \$1,000 to \$5,000 or more to cover this special assessment. Call the HOA's insurance representative, Terra Heaton at (319) 377-5797 with specific questions.
- Homeowners are responsible for repairing grass damaged by pets.
- Be on the lookout for loose/broken siding. Report damage to a Board member.
- **Ice Dams are not covered by the HOA insurance.** Report clogged downspouts.

- Refer to City of Cedar Rapids ordinances for placement and use of grills. The City's grill policy was attached to the April 2017 newsletter/minutes.
- **Per the Bylaws: a dog or a cat must not be leashed to common elements. When walked, the pet must be leashed and not be allowed to roam and run freely about the common elements. Droppings should be picked up every one or two days. A fine could be imposed for neglecting the cleanup of pet waste in a reasonable time.**
- Issues that a Homeowner must obtain approval from the Board as follows but are not limited to: satellite dishes, storm doors, railing and front steps, anything installed in the patio area, and planting trees. **DO NOT ATTACH ANYTHING TO GARAGE DOORS OR SIDING OF UNIT.**
- This is YOUR Association. Please take responsibility in any way you can.
- There are a lot of new association members. Please make them feel welcome.
- **Association Dues of \$90.00 are due on the 1st of the month. Grace period is from the 2nd to the 10th. An assessment of \$10.00 will be added after the 10th. Dues can be paid Annually, Semi-annually, Quarterly or Monthly.**
- Information sheets should be filled out and returned to #3752.
- Sump pumps should be inspected annually and replaced every 7-10 years.
- Don Trumbull #3771 has a Yardy Cart. Please contact him if you would like to use it.
- Homeowners must send a letter requesting approval for a dumpster and/or storage container (POD) to the Association Board indicating the time that the dumpster will be used or they will be assessed \$100.00.
- Damages caused by a Satellite Dish are the responsibility of the homeowner.
- Homeowners will be billed for 50% of garage door replacement if they do not know who caused the garage door damage. Homeowners are responsible for garage door springs, openers, cables, and seals.
- Please remove items from your yard as not to result in damage to snow removal equipment. This could result in a fine.
- Everyone in the neighborhood should assist in keeping it clean and neat every day.
- The HOA's insurance is American Family - Daryl Braun Agency, (319) 377-5797.
- Upon the sale of your home, please leave the three-ring binder provided by the HOA.

Units for Sale: None

A motion to adjourn at 7:35pm was made by Mark Heindselman and seconded by Pat McDowell. The motion passed unanimously.
Respectfully submitted by Bryan Benjamin.