

# **Stonebridge Ranch Amenities Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

February 20, 2019

### **Roll call**

The Following Persons were present at this February 2019 meeting at HOA offices:

Julie Lichter, Michael Cawley, Jim Buerkle, Tom Fredricks, Greg Herbst, & David Vartian

### **Call To Order**

Julie called to order the regular meeting of the Amenities Committee and asked for approval of the last meetings minutes. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes with no changes. The motion was seconded by Tom and approved unanimously by voice vote.

### **Agenda Items**

#### **A. Election of Officers for 2019**

- 1) The committee needed to elect new officers for the year, Julie agreed to serve again as chairperson, Tom as Vice Chair, and Jim as Secretary. David made the motion to approve the slate as presented by Julie,
- 2) Committee agreed we would want to maintain focus on Nora Haney then look at the Habersham space. Greg suggested meeting with their homeowners' association leaders as it would ultimately take their homeowners vote. Julie will work with Greg on setting up a meeting with the appropriate Ridgecrest people.

#### **B. Report on the meeting between Landscape & Grounds Committee and the Amenities Committee.**

- (1) Meeting attended by Julie, Tom, and the two Co-Chairs of the Landscape and Grounds committee.
- (2) In general there was agreement on the committee that the outcome of the meeting was positive, specifically outlining Roles and Responsibilities between the two committees as relates to our parks was a step in the right direction. Open Lines of communication were established, and responsibilities clearly agreed to in the meeting.

- (a) Other points from the report that were discussed, were:
- (i) L&G committee is responsible for the Landscaping in and on the perimeter of the 26 parks in Stonebridge in addition to the hardscape for the parks.
  - (ii) The Landscape manager and OLM conduct regular monthly tours of the rotating in such a manner that all parks are visited at least twice per year.
  - (iii) It was agreed that any improvements/repairs approved by L&G committee would be reviewed with Amenities Chair or Vice Chair to insure there is no interference with Amenities project.

#### **C. Nora Haney Park improvement proposal by Freese and Nichols**

1. The committee reviewed the schematic prepared by Freese and Nichols. Overall the committee agreed favorably with the drawing received with some questions regarding the layout arising from the discussion.
  - (a) Parking: Will the number of spaces provided in the conceptual drawing be sufficient and will there be a requirement on the part of McKinney to add more? What would the impact of more parking spaces be on the amenities shown in the drawing.
  - (b) Tom suggested we ask Freese and Nichols to consider moving the Pickle Ball courts together. The potential benefits would include a less fence, perhaps room to add another court, and reduce the number of light standards required. Further discussion will be needed
  - (c) Julie raised a question regarding the basketball court. Should we make it full or half court? After some discussion, we agreed that leaving it as a full court layout would be best. The point was also made that the current design is not high school regulation size and does that make a difference? It was informally agreed that a recreation sized court was sufficient.
  - (d) The same size issue was raised regarding the bocce ball courts and again the consensus was that we were not building a professional tournament grade amenity. Additionally, a question of surface material, maintenance required, and equipment to maintain the bocce ball court was raised. The consensus was that like golfers maintain sand bunkers the bocce ball participants could rake/roll the courts.

- (e) Regarding the picnic/bathroom/grilling area the discussion centered more around whether there was sufficient storage area, number of grills, and seating. In general it was agreed that for where we are in the planning process what was represented in the drawing was sufficient and will be revisited as we move forward.
- (f) The fishing dock: Jim made the point that the dock should be made larger given the number of folks who enjoy fishing in the Stonebridge Community lakes. The ensuing discussion revolved around whether or not making it larger was really necessary give that the lake actually belongs to Stonebridge Country Club. Given the space and number of concurrent people fishing and the amount of shoreline available to us it is not clear there would be a significant benefit for the cost.
- (g) The discussion concluded that overall we are happy with the general design and that more discussion with Freese and Nichols and among the committee.

#### **D. Update on Ridgeview/Habersham open space**

1. Julie reported to the committee the results of a meeting with representatives of the Homeowners in Habersham to determine their thinking regarding deeding over the land in discussion for developing a park for the mutual benefit of both their homeowners and the neighboring homes in Stonebridge.
  - (1) Before they could move forward they would need approval from their homeowners, a simple majority, but that before they could do so they would need some specifics in terms of what we were thinking in terms of park amenities. As a committee we were unwilling to put forth a drawing at this time, given the priority of Nora Haney project. Julie had communicated to them that anything we would do given current budget and other constraints would be after we finish the Nora Haney project.

#### **E. Parks Review and Ponds**

- (1) Julie put a copy of the Lakes and Parks document completed by Don on a Shared drive and is working to get us all access to it. She reiterated the need to get an updated map of all of the Parks and Ponds within Stonebridge. The one we are all operating with is out of date.
- (2) Greg then shared some of the pictures from the work Don had completed and made the case that it was unclear from many of them what exactly the problems indicated in the photos were. He mentioned that some text

accompanying the photos would be more useful. More discussion on this next meeting.

- (3) Julie asked for reports from any of our park responsibilities, David had two updates. Plainfield park soccer net has holes in it and needs repair. Also he reported a problem with tennis court #4 in Quail Creek park.

**F.**

**Adjournment**

Julie asked for any other new business given there was none Julie reminded the group that the next meeting in February would be moved up one week to accommodate members availability and adjourned the meeting at 4:15PM.

**New Meeting date for March 3/13 at 3:30**

Minutes taken and submitted by: Jim Buerkle