

# **Stonebridge Ranch Amenities Committee Meeting Minutes**

July 15, 2020

## **Roll call**

The Following Persons were present at the July 15, 2020 meeting was held at the Community Center.

Norm Counts, Julie Lichter, Tom Fredricks, Jim Buerkle, Nathan de Guia, Greg Herbst, Lisa Porter, Sheryl Ek, Jim Terilli, Ben DeVries, and David Morgan

## **Call To Order**

Tom called to order the regular meeting of the Amenities Committee and asked for approval of the last meetings minutes. Motion was made to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded and approved by voice vote unanimously.

## **Agenda Items**

### **A. Board Liaison Report Norm Counts**

- a) Norm mentioned the following items
  - i) There has been a request to the Board from Adriatica that SRCA place two additional fountains in Stonebridge Lake. The Board will take this up at their regular meeting, a discussion ensued on this topic as to where in the Lake, and where the money was going to come from. In the end the committee supported whatever direction the Board deemed the right one.
  - ii) There is a significant short fall in revenue to SRCA. The short fall is due to the unexpected significant rise in our water bill from the city of McKinney and the new contract with landscape companies which came in higher than anticipated. The Treasurer is creating a plan to prioritize projects and expenditures to manage thru this revenue issue. However, this again emphasizes the Board's pending Reserves Study
  - iii) Pickleball Court Quote – This quote from Freese and Nichols came in much higher than expected. The quote was only for drawings and had several prices based on completeness of the drawings. The Committee discussed this matter and agreed that the sum was excessive and recommended that we seek other bids.

- iv) Dredging – Greg and Norm reported that the work at Winter Haven was complete for the most part with a little clean up still being done. A question arose regarding the status of the proposed dredging of Quail Creek. This is not in this years budget, and while the necessary permits are in process, a formal quote to do the work will require Board approval.
- B. Fish/Ponds Update:** Jim Buerkle presented again the financial details around the proposal for 3 fish feeders around two of the Wellington Ponds and Big La Cima. A Motion was made and seconded to approve the proposal which was adopted unanimously
- a) Jim also gave an overview of the Lake Report. The Committee needed to identify the Lakes within Stonebridge, the Association property around them, and the Association Responsibilities associated with them. The report aimed to clarify where residents had access, the steps the Association is taking to maintain the lakes, and to identify potential future enhancements to some of them.
  - b) Quail Creek discussion arose again around steps which could be taken to lessen the impact of the runoff from the Golf Course. Good suggestions from the two prospective Alternate members of the committee were made on this topic regarding suggested landscaping changes etc. Jim will continue to work with Magnolia and the Alternates to explore these ideas.
- C. Work on Millard Pond & Parks Report**
- a) Mike and Tom led this discussion, the net result was that in order to correct the erosion taking place at Millard Pond that the trees would need to be removed. They are not in the best condition, have become over grown, and the professional recommendation was to remove the trees.
  - b) Tom reported a request for a pocket park in Melton Ridge. The discussion resulted in an agreement to do some further investigation and to pick this up at our next meeting.
  - c) Mike Brought up a request for additional trash cans a short discussion later the committee agreed to the request for these.
- D. Pickleball Courts League Play and Instructors**
- a) Tom has received a request from an organized Pickleball league team to be able to host league play on our courts. In the discussion of this the frequency of use, length of time required per instance, etc. was discussed by the committee. In the end the common feeling was that with our current demand for court time being so high with residents wanting recreational play that we could not agree to allow the

request. In spite of the majority of the team members making the request were residents of SRCA, there is currently insufficient courts available to meet the demand of recreational play demand.

- b) Pickleball Instructors – Tom has met with the two people who are interested in offering lessons. They are qualified, to do so, there is demand as the previous instructors were no longer interested in offering lessons. The committee agreed to get more specific information in terms of cost, frequency, etc. and move forward if these pass the reasonable test.

#### **E. Premier Community Comparison**

- a) Norm reported that he was continuing to have challenges around obtaining a methodology for scoring the various amenities that He, Tom, and Julie had developed. The folks who had volunteered to gather realtor input had yet to deliver and output. Lisa agreed to further this strategic priority with the help of other committee members.

#### **F. Watercraft on Lakes**

- a) Norm commented that while the Board had expressed an interest in offering rental Kayaks for use on Lake Stonebridge, that had been tabled due to Covid concerns. Tom suggested that in light of the interest in additional uses of watercraft on Lake Stonebridge, that the committee should create a policy around such use in preparation. Ben Devries and Jim Terilly volunteered to head up this effort

#### **G. Nominations for Vice Chair**

- a) Lisa Porter volunteered to serve as Vice Chair, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

#### **H. Committee Size and Alternates**

- a) Tom made the point that to insure adequate members of the committee and timely finding replacements that he wanted to add alternates to the committee. Ben DeVries and David Morgan who were in attendance at the meeting had expressed interest in joining the committee as Alternates.
- b) A motion was made to make Ben and David Alternates to the committee, seconded and passed

#### **I. Old Business**

- a) Mini Golf – A discussion around this topic took place. It centered on potential sites, ways to move forward without incurring significant costs. Tom asked for

volunteers to work with Nathan to firm up this idea. Lisa mentioned that she had experience with Golf Turf of Dallas and agreed to work with Nathan to have a conversation with them regarding the feasibility, cost and report back next meeting.

- b) **Adjournment** Tom asked for a motion to adjourn, one was made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.,

**J. Next Meeting August 12<sup>th</sup> , of 2020.**

Minutes taken and submitted by: Jim Buerkle