

## Ironwood Homeowners Association Meeting Minutes

**Date/Location of Meeting:** March 15, 2016 / Ironwood clubhouse

**Board Members Present:** JoEllen Bahnsen (Treasurer), Karl Bauchmoyer (President), Walt Clark (Beautification), David Brown (Communications), Linda Rheeling (Vice President), Karen Timmerman (Covenants)

**Guests Present:** Five residents of the Ironwood subdivision and Heather Wagner from the Town of Normal were also present.

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Karl Bauchmoyer at 7:06 PM.

**Residents' Concerns/Comments:** A question was raised regarding when the trees that have been cut down along the 3<sup>rd</sup> fairway would be replaced. Craig Onsrud, Ironwood Golf course manager indicated that they are able to remove trees much faster than they can plant new trees. Thus, there are plans to replace the trees but it may take several years to replace them all.

There was also a concern by a resident as to people storing their trash cans between garage doors where they are visible from the street. It was pointed out that this is both a violation of the covenants and the Town of Normal ordinances. It was decided that Karen Timmerman, covenants chair, would send letters to residents in violation and copy the letter to the Town of Normal. If the situation is not corrected then the Town of Normal would be contacted to enforce the Town ordinance.

**Presentation:** Heather Wagner from the Town of Normal was introduced to answer questions regarding the website "Nextdoor". She indicated that to join a neighborhood on the website you enter your address and it gives you the neighborhood that your address is in. If someone has invited you to join the neighborhood, no further verification of your address is done. Otherwise, you are sent a post card with a verification code to enter to complete your registration.

Heather indicated that there are currently two neighborhoods that cover the Ironwood subdivision. One is "Ironwood" which covers the sub-division east of Towanda. The other is "Ironwood Golf Course" which covers the area from Towanda to Linden and Raab Road to Northtown.

There is no advertising allowed on the website side by businesses. There are several categories that residents can post messages under such as Crime and Safety, Recommendations or Events. Messages are only visible to fellow members in the neighborhood and members can flag inappropriate messages and the leader of each neighborhood can then remove them if they are inappropriate.

After discussion by the Board, it was decided that, if the two current neighborhoods covering the subdivision could be combined into one, this would be able to possibly replace the current Ironwood Bulletin Board on the ihoa.org website. As communications chair, David Brown was asked to try and identify the current leaders of the two neighborhoods and to meet with them and see if they would be willing to combine into one neighborhood.

**President's Report:** Karl indicated that even though the Board is only meeting on the odd months, he is still checking the food donation box at the clubhouse each month and delivering any donated food to the food pantry.

**Vice President's Report:** None

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the January 12, 2016 Board meeting were presented for approval. On a motion made and seconded (Rheeling/Bahnsen) the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** With a beginning balance on January 12, 2016 of \$25,715.52, receipts of \$9,759.41 were deposited and expenses of \$318.02 were paid. This left an ending balance on March 15, 2016 of \$35,156.91. The Treasurer's report was received and filed.

The most current bank statement was reviewed and compared to the current treasurer's report.

**Beautification Report:** Walt asked that he be authorized to purchase grass seed to put on the areas of the Northtown berm where trees were removed last fall. On motion made and seconded (Bauchmoyer/Rheeling) and unanimously approved, Walt was authorized to spend up to \$200.00 for grass seed.

Walt also indicated that he would look into special offer of getting up to 10 White Pine and Spruce trees, including planting them, for \$85.00 each to have planted on the Northtown berm.

**Communications Report:** David indicated that there were 311 unique visitors to the ihoa.org website in February. They made a total of 580 visits to the website.

The next newsletter will be going out on June 1<sup>st</sup> and any articles to include in it should be received by May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Covenant's Report:** None

**SUV and Government Report:** None

**Newcomers Committee Report:** Chris indicated that she was in the process of obtaining materials from the Town of Normal, Heartland College and ISU to include in the welcome baskets for new residents and asked for additional ideas of where to get materials.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** On a motion made and seconded (Rheeling/Bahnsen) the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

**Next Board Meeting:** Next board meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, in the Ironwood clubhouse.