

## Ironwood Homeowners Association Meeting Minutes

**Date/Location of Meeting:** July 12, 2016 / Ironwood clubhouse

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

**Guests Present:** Eight residents of the Ironwood sub-division were also present.

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Karl Bauchmoyer at 7:07 PM.

**Residents' Concerns/Comments:** \*\*\*\*\* inquired as to whether there were any covenants that he needed to be concerned about if he built a sidewalk from his front porch to the sidewalk. He was informed that there were no covenants covering this, but he might want to check with the Town of Normal regarding any regulations they might have.

\*\*\*\*\* wanted to know who is responsible for maintaining the sidewalks. In particular, the green slime that collects on sidewalks where drainage water continually drains across them. It was generally agreed that the homeowner would probably be liable if someone fell and hurt themselves on it. It was suggested he contact the Town of Normal to see if they would be willing to do anything to correct this problem.

\*\*\*\*\* inquired about connecting his sump pump directly to the storm sewer instead of running in out into his yard. He was informed that this would be an issue to discuss with the Town of Normal. There are some houses that do this and others that don't. He also inquired about replacing the approved fence that surrounds his back yard and was told that the replacement fence needs to be approved by the Board of Directors.

\*\*\*\*\* was concerned about the trees that had been cut down down along the golf course and had not been cut up and removed. He was asked to contact Tyler Bain, the superintendent of maintenance for the golf course, to find out when they would be removed.

\*\*\*\*\* complimented the golf course on controlling the growth of thistles this year but indicated that he was now having a problem with mulberry sprouts growing on the course. He was asked to contact Tyler Bain regarding this issue. He also suggested that the Board consider adopting a particular flower or tree and then encouraging residents to plant that particular flower or tree in their yard to give Ironwood recognition as a neighborhood known for this flower or tree. No action was taken on this suggestion.

\*\*\*\*\* inquired about building a storage shed next to her house. The Board informed her that no free standing sheds were allowed in Ironwood. If she needed to build a storage area it would need to be attached to the house and have the same exterior siding as the house.

Karen Timmerman indicated that she had received a concern from a resident regarding the parking of boats, trailers and pickup trucks in driveways. During discussion it was felt that many families have a pickup truck as their main car and there would be no problem with parking them in the driveway. Boats and campers should not be parked in driveways for more than a day or two while cleaning them in preparation for either storage or use.

**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 Center for Hope food pantry. He also reiterated that replacement fences need to be approved by the Board and that in the near future the Board needs to determine if the Board can deny the replacement of a fence that is not required by the Town of Normal.

**Vice President's Report:** None

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the May 10, 2016 Board meeting were presented for approval. On a motion made and seconded (Rheeling/Timmerman) the minutes were

approved by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** With a beginning balance on May 10, 2016 of \$27,472.03, receipts of \$920.62 were deposited and expenses of \$4,138.47 were paid. This left an ending balance on July 12, 2016 of \$24,254.18. The Treasurer's report was received and filed.

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

There are currently 25 residents who have not paid their 2016 IHOA dues.

**Beautification Report:** None

**Communications Report:** David indicated that there were around 370 unique visitors to the ihoa.org website in both May and June. They made a total of around 600 visits to the website each of those months.

The next newsletter will be going out on September 1<sup>st</sup> and any articles to include in it should be received by David by August 25<sup>th</sup>.

The closing of the Ironwood Bulletin Board on ihoa.org was completed on July 1<sup>st</sup> with the installation of the social media website "Nextdoor" to replace it. Residents may get to Nextdoor by either going through ihoa.org or by going directly to nextdoor.com. There are currently 260 individuals representing 194 homes in Ironwood.

**Covenant's Report:** It was noted that the upkeep of the home at \*\*\*\* \* \*\*\*\*\* has improved, but the Board will continue to monitor the situation.

**SUV and Government Report:** None

**Newcomers Committee Report:** The bags purchased to help in delivering the welcome packages have been received along with the new Ironwood notepads to be included in the welcome packages

**Old Business:** Linda Rheeling informed the Board that the bank had indicated that the homeowner of \*\*\*\* \* \*\*\*\*\* was responsible for maintaining the property. A neighbor had managed to contact the owner via Facebook and the yard had been mowed. She will continue to monitor the condition of the property.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** On a motion made and seconded (Brown/Timmerman) the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM

**Next Board Meeting:** Next board meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, in the Ironwood Golf Course clubhouse.