

Ironwood Association Meeting Minutes
Ironwood Clubhouse
May 8, 2018

Attendees: Walt Clark, David Brown, Ashley Cunningham, Linda Rheeling, JoEllen Bahnsen, Susan Parrent, Floyd Aper

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Resident's concerns/comments: none

President Report: Gentleman contacted Linda and wants to purchase lot in Northridge but gate is on the lot. Owner was asking about ownership of the gates. Owner also wondered if the building plans have to be approved by the association? Answer was no but they have to be in accordance with the covenants. Also asked about direction house was facing, answer was whatever makes most sense for the layout of the house. Asked about maintenance of the gates and the answer was the association is responsible for the maintenance of the gate. The board is not opposed to the gate coming down. Owner would be responsible for removal of both gates but owner would have to notify residents of Northridge and get a unanimous vote for approval of removal. How do we turn the gated area over to the owner, may need to get attorney's advice and review the wording in the covenants. Susan mentioned that the board may want to have a meeting with all of the homeowners to discuss this topic. Linda will check with Jay Reece, attorney, on gate ownership and how to proceed with the homeowner's question. Also check with attorney on a deed for the ownership of the corner section at Foxwood and Northridge.

Received another notice about a lot on Whispering Pines but board members were not aware of a lot open there. Floyd had mentioned an outlot that the homeowner's association owns.

Linda received a request from the resident at *****. She is putting a pond in her backyard and is requesting a fence. She has spoken to the Town of Normal and since the pond will be deeper than 2 feet, she has to have a fence around the perimeter of the pond. The height of the fence would have to be 4 feet. Susan makes a motion to not approve the request for the fence as presented in the proposal. David seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of denying the proposal for the fence as presented. The board will verify the requirements from the Town of Normal and let the homeowner know that the fence request was denied.

Linda received a request from the soon to be owner at ***** stating that they need to install a fence the day that they close on the home. They have read the by-laws and are in the process of getting design quotes for the fence. The resident is asking what the steps are to get approval. Linda responded to the resident that it is usually a 2-month process with no guarantee of approval. Linda notified the resident of the meeting if they would like to attend and discuss it with the board. Floyd is going to contact the agent to discuss the request with their clients.

David sent an email to Linda about a resident with a pile of wood with animals living in it. Floyd will contact the homeowner about it.

Secretary Report: Walt moved, Floyd seconded motion to approve minutes from previous meeting as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Balance in the account as of 5/8/2018 was \$21,194.11. There was a deposit in the amount of \$2,150.00 for dues. There are currently 27 homeowners past due on the IHOA fees. Bank statement was received and filed.

Beautification Report: Most of the trees that were planted last year have survived the winter and look good. Walt has made contact with LKM about stones/boulders for the South entrance. Linda mentioned that the newly planted pines on the east side don't look healthy. Linda wanted verification that if they don't survive, they will be replanted without a charge. Walt stated that most nurseries guarantee the planting for a year. Floyd stated that a lot of the trees are in shock because of the change between the freeze and shock so trees should be watered.

Communication Report: David mentioned that the newsletter will go out June 1st. The deadline for articles is May 24th. If you have an article to be included, email it to David.

Covenant Chair: Susan has not heard back from the resident at **** * who asked about putting in an above ground pool. Susan called Troy Sondergraff who is in charge of pools. Susan asked Troy about how often they come and inspect above ground pools. Troy said that the town does not inspect pools on an annual basis, only during the installation process. Linda stated that there is nothing in the covenants that specifically mentions the maintenance of the above ground pool. Troy provided her with four residents that have above ground pools.

Susan has also noticed the number of garbage cans that are being stored on the front side of the house or visible from the street. According to section 7 of the covenants, sanitary containers should be concealed from public view. Susan will address this in the newsletter.

SUV & Government: none

Floyd Aper: none

Newcomers Report: Chris has two recent closings that she needs to visit. She has stated that she has plenty of supplies.

Old Business: The golf course has put out stop signs.

New Business: Susan received information in the mail about recycling furniture for families. Susan offered the board an opportunity to read the information.

Susan has also reviewed the covenants about homeowners doing business out of their home. The only one that we can't regulate is a daycare. As long as the business does not interrupt the flow of traffic or neighbors, it is permissible. If a complaint is brought to the board, the board will address it.

David moved to adjourn, Floyd second. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next meeting is on July 10, 2018.