

Ironwood Association Meeting Minutes
Ironwood Clubhouse
August 14, 2018

Board Members Present: David Brown, Ashley Cunningham, Linda Rheeling, JoEllen Bahnsen, Susan Parrent, Floyd Aper

Residents Present: 8 residents of Ironwood were present.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Residents Comments/Concerns:

**** ***** (***) ***** *****) has some neighbors that are not keeping up yards and houses. The resident showed photo copies of the homes to the board, photos were taken the night prior. First house is **** ***** *****. The driveway has a rock pile on it, leaves in the yard (resident shared a photo with the board). The second is **** ***** *****. The front has a half dead tree, broken window in front of house, garage door that doesn't close completely, weeds, stumps, etc. JoEllen stated that this house is under foreclosure which limits recourse the board can take. Linda stated these are similar issues that have been addressed in the newsletter. Resident questioned the usage of the newsletter, wondered how often residents read it. Susan also mentioned that the garbage cans have become an issue with many houses. Susan asked homeowners for recommendations on how to try to keep the standards up. Resident came tonight because it seems like there is stuff out all the time in the neighborhood and asked if new residents receive a copy of the covenants. Linda stated that new residents receive a welcome package and the website on where they can find the covenants. Linda stated the reason for this is due to cost of printing the covenants. JoEllen mentioned that realtors should be notifying newcomers of the covenants and that the board will uphold these. Linda stated it's buyers responsibility to read them and realtors responsibility to let new residents know of the covenants. Linda stated there are letters going out on garbage cans and landscaping issues, both of these homes are included in those that will receive letters. Resident asked if a letter could be sent, Linda stated that we always send a letter. Resident asked if we could send it certified? JoEllen stated the first letter is regular mail, second is usually certified. Resident also mentioned another resident that is growing corn, pumpkins and squash in his yard near the golf course. He said that it's frustrating when residents don't abide by the covenants. Floyd made a comment regarding the home that's in foreclosure that there isn't much besides winterizing that can be done.

Resident asked about the house on the corner of ***** and ***** , wondered if they are putting up an above ground pool. Linda said they were putting up a pool, ran into issues and are now having someone else put in the pool but it doesn't look like much work has been done on it. Resident asked about putting in an above ground pool, was frustrated that you can't put in a shed but you can put in a pool. Linda stated that when the covenants were written, 30 years ago, above ground pools were not an issue. Also stated that we can't get new covenants passed because in the past, not enough people have voted. Linda stated that we need 75% of homeowners to make a change. When we tried around 2010, only 70% voted. Susan stated that above ground pools are regulated by the Town of Normal, they have to get a permit from the town and they come out and go over standards with homeowner. Susan said a permit needs to be displayed which they have not done, but the permit has been purchased. Linda also stated that above ground pools do not require a fence. The guidelines state that if it's less than 4 feet high, a fence is required. If the pool is over 4 feet high, a fence is not required.

Resident at **** ***** stated that garbage cans should not sit out over the weekend and landscape waste should be put out on Thursday night. Said he moved to this neighborhood due to the high standards and they are not being kept up. Resident has asked LKM numerous times not to mow around the berm, now has a divot in yard. They also sprayed round up and he now has brown spots in his yard. He said he had talked to the guys that were mowing but Joellen mentioned that we should talk to one of the owners of LKM. Resident showed photos of the brown spots that he had taken on his phone. Resident also mentioned wild mulberry trees growing in between the fence at a resident on ***** ****. Said LKM should be keeping up with that since the trees are growing between the berm and the residents' fence (it's his neighbor's fence). Linda said that we will have Walt discuss the issues with LKM. Resident said he has talked to the neighbor about it and he doesn't seem to see it as an issue. Resident asked about putting trees on the berm, Linda stated that the homeowner can't do that unless it's been approved by the board. Linda said that if the homeowner is willing to plant and water them, we just request that Walt know what is being planted. Resident also mentioned the requirement of having 4 hardwood trees on the property, some do not since the ash trees were removed. Susan mentioned that there are not 4 trees at *** ***** ****, Resident asked why we don't enforce it. Resident stated that he will take photos and present the issues to the board. Resident requested that if a tree is removed from a homeowner's property, they have a certain amount of time to replant a new one to replace it. Regarding trash cans, resident said that the town should take their cans if they leave them out past garbage day. Another resident recommended putting a dumpster near the golf course maintenance building.

Resident mentioned a large trailer on wood blocks located at **** ***** parked near the golf path. JoEllen mentioned we usually allow residents 2-3 days to remove trailers, such as boating trailers. JoEllen said she will contact the resident.

Old Business:

Resident at **** ***** had requested a fence at the previous meeting. Motion made by Floyd to deny the fence, David second the motion. Floyd is making a motion based on past practice of how requests for fences had been handled. Floyd stated he is very sorry that we can't approve the fence request. Resident stated that when they bought the house, they thought that if you got approval from neighbors and board, you could put up a fence. Linda stated that it has to be in accordance with fence guidelines, approval by neighbors on both sides are required and that does not guarantee approval. Linda stated that fence requests have been denied in the past for similar reasons and if we approve a fence today, what does that say to those that have been denied fences in the past. Resident asked if someone had a fence that wasn't being kept up and had to be removed, can they replace it with a new one? Board members said no, unless they met the reasons to have a fence (pool, special needs child). Linda said one time a resident on ***** with a special needs child was approved for a fence. Resident is now saying that his grandson has a special need and he can get doctor recommendation if needed. Resident mentioned that it used to be that if your house was on the golf course, you couldn't have fence. Linda stated that the Town of Normal asked Snyder that fences not be allowed on the golf course, unless they have a swimming pool. Linda asked on a vote for the motion to deny the fence at **** ***** , fence was denied.

New Business:

Resident at **** ***** is installing an inground pool and requesting a fence. They presented a diagram of the pool and letters from neighbors on both sides. Linda has asked for a motion to approve

the fence, Floyd moved, Susan second. Linda asked for any discussion around the approval. All board members approved, fence has been approved for purposes of the pool.

President's Report: none

Secretary's Report: Motion moved by David, second by Susan as amended. Motion made and seconded, no discussion. Amended minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Started with \$16, 839.25. Bills paid to LKM and Cornbelt, bank also charged \$5.00. There are 12 outstanding resident dues. Leaves a balance of \$14,419.51. Report received and filed.

Beautification Report: none

Communication Report: The next newsletter will be Sept 1st, articles due by August 25th. Linda talked to Chris Knight on the phone and Chris made a suggestion regarding trees on the berm. Thought we could include an article about trees in general and that homeowners who may want to plant trees, should request approval from Walt. Also, may be good to include tree requirements, 4 hardwood trees, especially for those who have lost trees.

SUV Report: none

Floyd Afer: none

Newcomers Report: Chris Knight was not in attendance but she picked up some supplies from Linda, has 1-2 closings coming soon.

Covenant's Report: Susan mentioned that if any residents have ideas of how to address the garbage cans in the newsletter, please let the board know. Susan has 3 letters being sent regarding trailers and boats that have been sitting on the side of the house for quite some time.

Resident mentioned that he has a boat that he keeps in front of his third stall drive and the boat will stay there until the fall. Linda stated that the covenants say that it needs to be enclosed in a structure, having a tarp on it does not count. Covenants state that no trailer, boat, atv, golf cart, etc. shall be kept on the lot or in the subdivision except entirely within an enclosed structure. JoEllen also stated that the Town of Normal has a provision on that as well.

New Business: none

Motion to adjourn, Motion made by Floyd and second by David. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Next meeting September 11, 2018.