

Ironwood Association Meeting Minutes
Ironwood Clubhouse
October 9, 2018

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

Jim Schmidt, chairman of the subdivision united voice committee (SUV), introduced Detective Jake Z. with the Normal Police Department. He has worked all but one of the break-ins in Ironwood.

The Detective was asked to provide an update of the burglaries in the neighborhood including any timeline of days, times, etc. He stated that Friday and Saturday are the targeted days and the most popular time is 7:30 pm – 10:30pm. No one has been home during the burglaries. Burglars may knock or ring the doorbell to check to verify that no one is home. One gentleman going door to door said he was selling items for Parkside Jr. High. If someone stated they are selling items and you are unsure, ask for a permit. They should all have a permit from the City. Detective also mentioned that some of the burglars have unplugged the garage door once inside. Entry to the homes has not been very noticeable, minimal damage has been done. Most enter through back doors or windows. The burglars are spending a decent amount of times in the homes, looking for small items that are of value (jewelry, cash, credit cards). He also mentioned that they are using bags from the house to collect items. He said it has been hard to get fingerprints because they are wearing gloves. He thinks they are around High School age. All suspicious activity should be reported right away to the police dept. If you find any suspicious items laying around the neighborhood, contact the police. If they do find articles, it could be up to 9 months before they receive fingerprints and up to a year for DNA.

The Detective stated that there are 6 officers on the night shift that have gone on the golf course, have canvassed the neighborhood concentrating on the North side of the subdivision and posting any details on Nextdoor and Facebook. The Police are looking for a small BMX bike with 5 spoke wheels. They posted a picture of the bike online.

Questions:

Is the canary video suspect the same one with the bike? There's no way to tell. Suspect from the video looks similar to the incident in Bloomington.

Do you think there is more than one person? He isn't sure, only one person has been seen on the video. He thinks it's either the same person or a small group of the same people.

If you can provide an accurate list of the items that were stolen that would be helpful. Homeowners can enter their items into a website called www.leadsonline.com to track them.

What is being stolen? Mostly jewelry, a few laptops, 2 hand guns. Items are not being sold in this area, would be difficult to find out where if it's not local.

Is there an escape or entry route? The golf course, coming from backyards. Houses that were targeted have backed up to ***** or are on the golf course.

If solicitors are selling items without a permit, they can receive a ticket? If you have a solicitor without a permit, call the Police Department and report it.

Thinks suspect is on a bike, could be someone living fairly close (Ironwood Gardens, Trailer Park).

Are looking at cell phone carriers to find any similarities between location, date and time of calls.

There don't seem to be any consistency with the times and dates of the burglaries. There have been 3 reports of suspicious activity. Have contacted Casey's General Store also to see if they have any video surveillance.

Normal PD Non-Emergency phone# 309-888-5030

Security Systems: 2 ADT representatives were present. Gave a presentation about ADT system and provided packets of information to those present.

Residents Comments/ Concerns: Resident asked about the realtor sign in the median on ***** noting a house for sale not during an open house. City codes only allow 1 sign per lot but if it's on the right of way, it's a city concern and you can contact them. Signs can be removed if it's in common area, especially if it's there for extended periods of time.

Presidents Report: none

Secretary's Report: Motion made by Walt, minutes approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: \$11,897.34 starting balance, ending balance is \$9,437.85. There are still 12 houses that have not paid, reminders have been sent. Treasurer's report received and filed. Bank account was reviewed with Ashley Cunningham and JoEllen Bahnsen.

Beautification Report: ***** was approved reimbursement for 4 trees planted on the berm in the amount of \$400.00. After some research and discussion with Walt, he decided to buy larger trees that cost an additional \$185.00. Walt sent an email to the board for approval of additional reimbursement. 4 board members approved, 2 not approved, 1 wanted more discussion. Based on the 4 board members that approved, the money was paid to the homeowner. Linda mentioned that water bags were included in the estimate but she did not see water bags installed, unless he didn't think they needed the bags based on the temperature. LKM completed work behind 1510 Ironwood, filled with dirt, seeded and covered to eliminate erosion. There are several other places on the berm that could use similar work. The project cost \$395.00. If we end up doing more work, the price may not be as high. Walt would like to wait until spring and see the results of the work already done.

Communications Report: The system stopped reporting which caused low numbers from the prior month. Articles due Oct. 25th.

Covenant Chair: Received a notice from a homeowner about a yard at **** ***** that is full of weeds. This is a new issue; no action has been taken. At **** ***** , there has been a utility trailer parked behind the 3rd car garage on the side. Based on covenants, it must be enclosed, and Town of Normal requirements, it cannot be visible. A letter has been sent to the homeowner, but will wait until after discussion with the attorney to see what action is taken. On ***** , there is a car that is backed up in the driveway and has not been moved for 2 months. According to covenants, all automobiles on premises not enclosed should be in a workable and running condition. Walt will talk to the homeowner; no letter has been sent. At *** ***** there is a large speedboat on site. House on west side of Ironwood has permits on the windows, piles of dirt in the front, 3rd garage is installed and concrete has been poured. Susan has not acted on this property. Chris said that she can ask the homeowner about the project. Susan mentioned there isn't a covenant that would address this but the town permits may expire. No letter has been sent. The property at *** ***** has a

rockpile in the driveway, a letter needs to be sent. The property at *** ***** ***** was mowed but still has weeds and garbage cans out front. Susan will send a letter.

SUV & Government Report: None

Floyd Aper: Floyd drove through the neighborhood on Sunday and looked for trash cans sitting either in front or on the side of the house. There were 43 houses that have completely visible cans. (The house at **** ***** can be removed from the list, this was addressed). Floyd presented a report of trash cans.

Newcomers Report: No closings this month. Had one in September on *****, is up to date on supplies.

Old Business: A resident at the last meeting suggested that we post notices on trash cans that are left out. There were no other suggestions. Walt commented that it would be difficult to accomplish that task. No motion was taken.

Linda spoke to Doug from Parks and Rec regarding signage for golf course walker from Ironwood Gardens. Doug felt that there was no way the Town of Normal would address Ironwood Garden walkers without addressing Ironwood residents and all the residents in the Town of Normal. He did say he talked to Tyler and Craig about signage and they are working on signs to put up in key locations (close to the golf path entrances coming from Ironwood Gardens) stating that the golf course is for paid golfers, not walkers. Linda has not contacted Ironwood Gardens based on the recommendation from Doug. Ironwood residents are discouraged from walking if there are golfers on the course because it is dangerous. The signs probably won't be installed until spring 2019.

At the last meeting, we discussed having discussion with our attorney to determine what we can do as a board for residents who are in violation of the covenants.

1. How do we address violators?
2. How do we define property upkeep and maintenance?

Linda is waiting for a return call from the Attorney. The attorney indicated that they are working on a big project and as soon as it's complete, he will review covenants and follow up with Linda.

We talked to Jim Schmidt about painting the East and West wood signs. Jim said he would be happy to do the work if time allows. Jim said they both need a couple coats of paint, both green and white. He stated the west sign side is not as bad as the one on the east side. With the work, we may get another 4-5 years out of them. Roger Rheeling also said he and Bob Bahnsen could do the work. Roger and Bob will talk to Jim or someone from Don Smith Paint about what kind of paint to use. Jim also cleaned some mold off the sign.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Walt, second by David. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Next Meeting is November 13, 2018.