

**Ironwood Homeowners Association Monthly Meeting
August 13, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by President Linda Rheeling.

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

Residents Present: Four residents were present.

Residents Comments/ Concerns: *** *****_*****, ***** Tanger, said someone came and cut bushes without permission. Floyd indicated that he had worked with her son trimming bushes a couple of weeks ago but did not think they crossed her property line. She said someone was there last week and trimmed more. Floyd indicated that he also worked with some volunteers that weekend and agreed to meet with *** to try and locate the property line pins.

***** *****, *** Thistlewood, had questions about above ground pools and the requirement for fences around them. He was also concerned about trees hanging down over sidewalks that can hit walkers and joggers going by. He indicated that there is a problem with water coming across the sidewalk from behind the houses in certain locations and he had concerns about speeding in the neighborhood affecting the safety of children. Linda indicated she would contact Jim Schmidt to see about having the town put up a speed sign along his street.

***** *****, *** Ironwood, had a concern about neighbors having loud parties. Linda advised her to contact the police department when it is going on. She also wanted to know if she could put up a free library in her front yard. There are no rules but a concern was expressed about safety of people stopping to use it because she does not have a sidewalk on her side of the street.

President's Report: Linda had a phone call which she referred to Susan. The phone call was about the care of the lawns at ***, ***, and *** Whispering Pines, ***** Claremont and ***** Bramblewood. Susan will send a letter regarding ***** Claremont and follow up on the other addresses.

Linda thanked Floyd for taking care of ***** and *****'s issues.

Received an email from ***** & ***** *****, ***** Ironwood, wanting some information about the east lake. Linda let them know that it belonged to the Town of Normal and they should contact them.

Also received a request for a fence around a pool at ***** Crestmoor Cove. Motion was made (Rheeling/Bahnsen) to approve the fence at ***** Crestmoor Cove as presented to the Board as long as it is in compliance with the Town of Normal codes. Motion carried.

Vice President Report: Floyd gave an update on volunteer work that was being done with the home on Tanger.

Secretary's Report: Several corrections were made to the minutes of July 9, 2019. Motion was made and seconded (Parrent/Bahnsen) to approve the minutes, as corrected, of the July 9, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance as of 7/9/2019 was \$20,181.76, deposits of \$273.06 from dues minus expenditures of \$2,436.42 leaves a balance of \$18,018.40 as of 8/13/2019. Report was received and filed.

There are still 8 properties with 2019 dues outstanding.

JoEllen expects to have around \$12,000 at the end of the year and Walt still has around \$4,000 left for landscaping issues on the berm if he has a need.

Floyd asked about the \$5.00 bank charge and JoEllen explained that it was for the dual signatures on the check which is a safe guard against the misuse of association funds.

Current bank statement was reviewed by Board members.

Beautification Report: None

Communications Report: July unique visitors and total number of visits to the ihoa.org website were approximately the same as the yearly averages for those categories.

A newsletter will be going out on September 1st; articles for the newsletter will be due by August 25th.

Covenant's Report: Susan reported that the yard at **** Ironwood still needs work done and Justin from the Town of Normal needs to look at it again.

The trailer at **** Foxwood is back. Susan will have Justin follow up. At **** Ironwood, the trailer is only there in the evenings and on weekends. Justin needs to observe it before the Town can take action, so Susan will follow up with him on that issue as well. The trailer at **** Ironwood is gone. The pop up trailer on Turtle Creek has been moved and Susan will send a letter thanking them for moving it and reminding them it cannot be parked in the subdivision.

Trash cans at *** Ironwood are still in front, Susan will send a second letter. Trash cans at *** Ironwood have been left in front for a while, Susan will send a letter.

Some of the items outside at **** Ironwood have been moved, but others remain. The association will continue to monitor the situation.

Susan has not heard back from Troy regarding the blue above ground pool at **** Bramblewood. She will contact Troy again.

A letter will be sent to *** Ironwood regarding the missing column on the front porch.

Susan will follow up on bushes that may need to be trimmed back at **** Ironwood.

SUV & Government Report: None

At-Large Member Report: None

Newcomers Report: None

Old Business: Linda contacted the association lawyer regarding the playhouse at *** Ironwood. Jay said it should be considered a detached building, not approved by the Board, so it needs to be removed. Jay suggested the association send a letter under Article 5, Section 20, of the covenants which does not allow unapproved detached structures and give the resident a set time period to move it. Jay also indicated that the association needs to be consistent in enforcing the covenants.

New Business: There were several suggestions for possible articles in the September newsletter. They included an article about not raking leaves or placing tree trimmings in the gutter, not leaving trash bins visible from the front of houses, not parking trailers outside in the subdivision and speeding in the subdivision. There was also discussion about the “Bring It Back to Normal” program through ISU where volunteer students help local residents with tasks that can be completed in one day.

Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded (Aper/Parrent) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Next Meeting will be September 10, 2019.