

**Ironwood Homeowners Association Monthly Meeting
September 10, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM by President Linda Rheeling.

Board Members Present: Floyd Aper, JoEllen Bahnsen, David Brown, Walt Clark, and Linda Rheeling (Note: David Brown also had the proxy to vote for Susan Parrent)

Residents Present: 7 residents were also present

Residents Comments/ Concerns: ***** spoke for his mother who lives at *** Whispering Pines. She is planning to do some landscaping in her backyard along the cart path that runs on the north side of her house. ***** presented a drawing of the proposed landscaping and some pictures of the current views along the cart path. Linda thanked ***** for keeping the Board informed of his mother's plans and indicated that no Board action is needed to plant trees or bushes on the resident's property.

***** indicated that, when he bought his property, it had a wooden fence that has deteriorated and is now in need of repair. He requested that the Board approve replacing the fence with either a new wooden fence painted white or a black aluminum fence. Board members indicated that they would prefer the black aluminum fence since it would be maintenance free and is similar to the type of fencing that has been approved around pools in Ironwood. Board will review the information and the vote on the request will be held at October Board meeting.

***** & ***** indicated they had received the letter from the Board telling them they need to remove the playhouse on their patio. They are requesting that they be allowed to keep the playhouse on their patio. They explained why it could only be used as a playhouse. Discussion followed regarding what is considered a detached building as far as children's climbing forts, gazebos and the aforementioned playhouse. Linda advised that upon review the Board attorney advised that according to the covenants the building should be removed. Motion was made (Brown/Clark) that the playhouse at *** Ironwood be allowed to remain as long as it is not modified or used for any purpose other than a playhouse, and that it will be removed if it is no longer used as a playhouse. Floyd asked the Board to wait until its attorney can be consulted and Linda agreed. Motion was made (Floyd/Bahnsen) to table the previous motion. Motion to table failed on 3 (Aper/Bahnsen/Rheeling) - 3 (Brown/Clark/Parrent) vote. Floyd objected to the proxy which the Board enacted at the June meeting, saying that the Bylaws only allow a proxy for full association member meetings such as the annual or a special meeting. It does not allow for a proxy for Board meetings. Bylaws only indicate that if a Board meeting has 4 members in attendance there is a quorum. Linda felt the proxy should be allowed and Floyd asked that the attorney's opinion be sought which was agreed. Motion to allow the playhouse passed on a 4 (Bahnsen/Brown/Clark/Parrent) – 1 (Aper) vote. Rheeling voted present. It was indicated that the letter of approval should include the stipulations discussed during the considerations of the motion.

President's Report: Linda had been contacted by a resident concerned about the dead fish on the east lake. Linda referred him to Tyler Bain from the Town of Normal and the Town came out promptly and addressed the problem.

There was also a phone call from a resident who indicated that they were treating their ash trees for the ash bore and were concerned about other residents who had dead or dying trees from the ash bore

reinfecting their trees. Linda indicated that she was not sure what the Board could do, especially with trees that were still alive, but that the Board would continue to monitor the situation.

Jim Schimdt has done a report regarding Town speed patrols (which were requested by a resident) in the neighborhood. In general, the police found that the cars are not speeding, but doing the speed limit.

A resident contacted Jim about the poor job the Town was doing in mowing the dams along Northtown Road. Jim talked to the Town, and it appears the issue has been resolved.

A question of fishing in the east and west lakes had previously been raised. An employee of the Town had indicated that no boating or swimming was allowed, but that people could fish in the lakes. The question now is why are there "No Fishing" and "No Trespassing" signs posted on the berms if the Town allows fishing?

A resident asked about speed bumps in Ironwood and Linda told him the Town had indicated they were not an option. Resident said they knew of another subdivision in Normal which bought portable speed bumps and put them down in the summer and takes them up in the winter. Linda has asked the Town about this and is waiting for a reply.

Vice President Report: Floyd indicated that the resident at *** Whispering Pines has cleaned up his yard.

Floyd also received a question from a realtor about whether Ironwood allows above ground pools. He told the realtor that there is nothing in the covenants about above ground pools, but that the Board tries to discourage them.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of August 13, 2019 were presented. Motion was made and seconded (Aper/Clark) to approve the corrected minutes of the August 13, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance as of 8/13/2019 was \$18,018.40, deposits of \$227.59 from dues and bank refund minus expenditures of \$4,210.61 leaves a balance of \$14,035.38 as of 9/10/2019. Report was received and filed.

There are still 5 properties with 2019 dues outstanding.

Current bank statement was reviewed by Board members.

Beautification Report: Walt has some ideas to discuss with LKM. There are some gaps in the trees on the west berm. He needs to discuss, with LKM, options for planting some new trees in those gaps. No resident has come forward and agreed to water the new trees so this would be included in developing the contract with LKM. He may have a proposal to present at the October meeting for work to be done next spring.

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

A total of 99 newsletters covering September, October and November were mailed out on August 30th. A total of 568 newsletters were emailed to residents. The next newsletter will be on December 1st and

cover the months of December, January and February. The deadline for submitting articles for that newsletter will be Wednesday, November 20th.

Covenant's Report: Susan reported that she has mailed out 13 letters this month. 3 of the letters were 2nd letters.

Letters regarding bins visible from the street were sent to **** Ironwood, *** Ironwood (2nd letter), **** Foxwood (all now removed), **** and *** Ironwood (still visible).

Letters regarding landscaping issues were sent to **** Ironwood, *** Ironwood, *** Whispering Pines, *** Whispering Pines, **** Bramblewood (some work has been done on all of these) and **** Claremont (house has sold, still needs work).

A 2nd letter sent to **** Foxwood regarding trailer. Still parked outside most mornings or evenings.

Letter sent to *** Ironwood regarding missing column on porch. Column still missing.

A 2nd letter sent to *** Ironwood regarding playhouse. Received email from owners requesting permission to keep playhouse on their patio.

Susan indicated that she has not sent letters yet, but is watching the following addresses for problems indicated. Bins visible at ****, ****, ****, **** Ironwood; issues with trailers at ****, **** and **** Ironwood, **** Bramblewood and **** Foxwood. Various items stored outside in yard at **** Ironwood. Siding repair at *** Northridge.

Justin O'Neill from the Town of Normal has sent a letter to **** Ironwood regarding bins. The bins are now on the west side of the house which meets Town of Normal requirements, but are visible from the street as you approach from the west which does not meet covenant requirements. A lawnmower, ladder and other items are stored outside either on the west side or south side (back) of the house.

Justin went by **** Ironwood and indicated that, except for a couple of spots, the yard is generally in compliance with Town code. It is not enough that he would authorize their contractor to enter the property to trim it. He has sent a 2nd letter and is waiting for a reply. Susan told Justin that the Board would continue to monitor the situation.

Justin went by **** Ironwood and the trailer was not there. He indicated that he could send a letter, but that each time the trailer is moved, he has to start the process over so it would be very difficult to enforce. Susan indicated to Justin that the Board would handle this issue and needs to decide whether to send a letter. The Board agrees that Susan should send a letter regarding the trailer.

Justin indicated that he had the same situation at **** Foxwood as he had at **** Ironwood. Justin could send a letter regarding the Town's regulations for storage of trailers, but unless the trailer is never moved, he cannot do much more. Susan told him that the Board will work to resolve this issue at this time. A 2nd letter has been sent regarding the trailer, so the Board needs to decide whether to involve the lawyer after September 28th if the trailer continues to be parked there overnight.

Justin spoke with Troy from the Town regarding the pool at **** Bramblewood. If the pool has less than 25 inches of water in it and the sides are constructed of a non-rigid material, it is in compliance. The pool has been taken down for the winter.

Susan received a letter from a family looking at a property in Ironwood. They were hoping to construct a fence for their two dogs. Susan contacted them and, after viewing the covenants and observing how few fences there are in Ironwood, they have decided to look elsewhere for a property.

Linda indicated that the trash bins at **** Ironwood are being left out.

SUV & Government Report: None

At-Large Member Report: None

Newcomers Report: None

Old Business: Floyd had an appointment for 10:00 am on Friday, 8/16, to meet with the resident at **** Tanger, but the resident did not show up. He followed up with an email. Floyd walked the area by himself and found there may have been a couple of small wild trees cut down on the property. Floyd received no response until he offered to purchase several bushes for her son to plant. She responded that she would like to select the bushes herself and floyd sent the resident \$50 to purchase replacement trees. A motion was made (Rheeling/Clark) to reimburse Floyd for the \$50.00 for replacement of trees at **** Tanger. Motion carried. Floyd voted present

New Business: Floyd suggested changes to the covenants/by-laws to be considered at the annual meeting should be developed at the October Board meeting. Linda suggested that we have a meeting with the attorney sometime before the October meeting. She will get some possible dates and times from the attorney and contact Board members. (Note: The meeting has now been set for 4:30 PM on Tuesday, October 1st.)

Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded (Clark/Brown) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Next Meeting will be October 8th, 2019.