

**Ironwood Homeowners Association Monthly Meeting
October 8, 2019**

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

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

Residents Present: Four residents were also present.

Residents' Comments/ Concerns: ***** was concerned about the drainage ditch behind his house that is now clogged with weeds so the water comes across the backyards instead of going down the ditch. This washes soil out of his yard. Last year the Town did some digging but have not done any work this year. Linda suggested he contact Tyler Bain from the Town of Normal about his concern, but indicated the Board is going to have Jim Schmidt contact Tyler also since more than one lot is affected. ***** was also concerned about the speeding past his house and about a trailer that is frequently parked in his neighbor's driveway. It was indicated that the Board is aware of both these problems and is working on the situation.

**** ***** had a question on what the Town is going to do in response to the fish kill on the east lake. The Board has not heard anything from the Town, but hopefully they will be trying to resolve the cause of the kill and then restocking it.

President's Report: Linda has had a few phone calls. One from ***** wanting to put up a storage shed on her property. Linda informed her that storage sheds are not allowed by the covenants.

A resident at **** Berkshire complained about neighbors on both sides regarding a broken down shed in one yard and two dead trees in the other yard.

***** was supposed to drop off letters from his neighbors giving permission to replace his fence.. The Board has received one but not the other. Linda looked into how the fence came to be, since we have no record of approval. ***** were the original owners and put the fence up. Apparently it was approved by Synder. There have been several owners since that time.

Vice President Report: None

Secretary's Report: The minutes of September 10, 2019 were presented. Motion was made and seconded (Bahnsen/Aper) to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance as of 9/10/2019 was \$14,035.38, deposits of \$14.64 from a Cornbelt credit, minus expenditures of \$1,202.81, leaves a balance of \$12,847.21 as of 10/8/2019. Report was received and filed.

Current bank statement was reviewed by Board members.

Beautification Report: Walt has received a proposal for LKM for replacement of trees on the west berm. The replacement trees would be Northern Red Oaks, Autumn Blaze Maples and lilac bushes. Total cost would be \$4,331.00 for the project which would be done this fall. Motion was made (Clark/

Aper) to approve the contract with LKM. JoEllen indicated that doing this project now would still leave an appropriate amount of money in the association's treasury at the end of the year. Motion carried.

Communications Report: September unique visitors and total number of visits to the ihoa.org website were slightly above the yearly averages for those categories.

The next newsletter will go out 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.

A question was raised about which seats were open for election to the Board in 2020. Floyd's, David's, Walt's and Linda's seats are the 4 that are open for election. A concern was also raised about getting this information out to residents in a timely manner since JoEllen needs the names of candidates by early December for the proxy mailing. It was decided to post the information on the website as soon as possible and also to do a mass email of the information to residents.

Covenant's Report: There are two trailers (**** Foxwood and **** Ironwood) that are currently in violation of the covenants. Plus the trash bin at **** Foxwood is visible. Other trailers mentioned at the September meeting have been moved.

The missing pillar on the front porch at *** Ironwood has not been replaced. Susan will send 2nd letter and contact Justin from the Town of Normal about possible building safety violations.

The work on the siding at *** Northridge is still not done. The Board did receive communication from the resident indicating that it would be done this fall. Susan will continue to monitor the situation.

All the landscape problems that were discussed at the September meeting have now been addressed.

There are still 11 bins that are still either in front of the garage or on the side of the house but visible from the street. Susan was asked to send letters to those still storing bins in the front of the house at this time.

The trash bins at **** Ironwood have been moved back between shrubs along the side of the house but are still visible.

SUV & Government Report: Jim Schmidt contacted the Town of Normal regarding the broken curb at the Northtown entrance. Has not received a call back yet regarding possible repair.

At-Large Member Report: None

Newcomers Report: None

Old Business: A 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 or if the people move. Floyd spoke against the motion indicating he considers any structure to be a violation of the covenants. Susan spoke in favor of the motion indicating it can only be used as a child's play structure. Linda spoke against the motion indicating she considers it to be a detached building. Kristi spoke in favor of the motion indicating that other residents have children's play structures in their yards.

Motion passed 5 (Brown/Bahnsen/Clark/Gibbons/Parrent) - 2 (Aper/Rheeling).

New Business: Floyd proposed some possible changes to the by-laws in the fence guidelines. In Section d delete “wooden, solid vinyl” and replace it with “black, aluminum or wrought iron” In Section e add “existing” between the words “All” and “wooden”. In Section g add the wording “must be submitted to the Board 10 days prior to the Board’s next monthly meeting at which time it will be considered and voted on.” and removing the phrase “will be a two step process”. The last sentence of that paragraph will be deleted. A new Section g would be added stating “All in ground pools must be permitted through the Town of Normal and must comply with their regulations. A fence, which is required by the Town, still must be approved by the Board on Directors which cover type and height. Any above ground pools, higher than 12 inches, are not allowed. Existing above ground pools are grandfathered but cannot be replace.”

These proposed change will be discussed at the November Board meeting and voted on at the Annual Membership meeting in January 2020.

Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded (Clark/Gibbons) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Next Meeting will be November 12th, 2019.