

**Ironwood Homeowners Association Monthly Meeting
November 12, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Linda Rheeling.

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

Residents Present: Two residents were present.

Residents' Comments/ Concerns: ***** ***** and ***** *** indicated they have just moved into *** Claridge. They came to the meeting to present a proposal for an above-ground pool and fence. The Board mentioned that fences for above-ground pools have not been approved in the past. Suggested that they should consider an in-ground pool.

President's Report: None

Vice President Report: Issues discussed were about a kid's playhouse in disrepair, dead trees and old trampolines at ***** and ***** Berkshire. Floyd was notified regarding these by resident at ***** Berkshire. Discussion indicated that there was not much the Board could do regarding the trampolines.

Floyd had several pictures of "do and don't do" regarding trash bin storage. The Board decided to post pictures of the correct and incorrect placement of trash bins at Linda's house on the ihoa.org website.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of October 8, 2019 were presented. Motion was made and seconded (Bahnsen/Aper) to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance as of 10/8/2019 was \$12,847.21, deposits of \$0.00, minus expenditures of \$358.36, leaves a balance of \$12,488.85 as of 11/12/2019. Report was received and filed.

Current bank statement was reviewed by Board members.

Beautification Report: The Board discussed the removal of the stumps left in the median at the north entrance and possibly requesting the Town replace them with red and white flower beds each year.

Communications Report: September unique visitors and total number of visits to the ihoa.org website were down slightly from the yearly averages for those categories. May have resulted from web site not being updated since mid-October.

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.

David explained that since upgrading his computer operation system in mid-October, he has not been able to use the program that allows him to update the pages on the website. The company has just come out with a replacement program, but he will have to reconstruct each page since the new program does not allow him to import the old pages. He has currently completed updating the "Board Documents" section, the "Home Page" and the "Current News" page. The website is up and working but only contains new information on the pages that have been updated.

Covenant's Report: Linda indicated that the issues residents had raised regarding parking in front of mailboxes and careless driving in the snow, which resulted in a mailbox being knocked over, would be address in the newsletter.

Susan reported that **** Foxwood has a trailer and bins behind white plastic sections.. She sent letter #1 in October and the trailer has been moved. White plastic sections (just like those on Towanda) are still leaning/standing with the bins behind them.

Letter #1 was also sent in October to **** Ironwood regarding a trailer. Trailer is still there over this past weekend. As in all letters, the resident is invited to attend meeting on November 12th.

Regarding the missing portico post at *** Ironwood, Susan sent letter #1 in August and the Town of Normal sent a letter in October. Per Justin from Inspections, the residents were given until December 2nd to repair or remove the damaged portico posts.

Susan received a report of a refuse bin in front of the 3rd garage door at *** Whispering Pines. She decided not to do anything at this time, thinking the bin will possibly be put away after fall yard work is done. Floyd reported that the bin has been removed.

The following lots on Ironwood (****, ****, ****, ****, ****) have one or more bins visible on the side of the garage, front of garage, in landscape/pushed into bushes/behind plastic fence sections/behind lattice/and other creative methods to hide them from view. No letters went out about bins. Some have already received their first letter and we haven't followed up with a second due to so many of them and decisions that need to be made.

There is a flatbed trailer in the drive at **** Ironwood. Susan noticed the trailer as she drove through last week. Hoping it is temporary.

The new owner of *** Clairidge has read the by-laws and covenants and is wanting to do something with the back of the duplex/zero lot line to divide between neighbors for more privacy. She first asked about a fence and we discussed full yard fences. Encouraged her to attend the meeting and present what she is thinking with photos of ideas. She will eventually talk with her neighbors also. Based on covenants, (Article V Section 8) that there should not be a "fence, hedge, wall or other dividing instrumentality constructed, grown, or maintained on any lot without the written permission of....". Thus, she would like guidance of what she can do to separate a little from the neighbors for a little more privacy. A zero lot line is definitely different from a single home property so how to gain privacy from the other attached unit is the question.

Property owners continue to mention in conversation the yard at **** Ironwood , in relation to the bins in the bushes and the riding lawn mower on the west side of the property.

SUV & Government Report: Members of the Town of Normal will be invited to the Annual meeting on January 14, 2020.

At-Large Member Report: None

Newcomers Report: None

Old Business: Floyd brought up that decisions by the Board on fence requests should be done in a 10 day period instead of the current two month process.

The Board discussed the proposed changes that Floyd has suggested for the by-laws. There was concern about getting information regarding these changes to all residents in a timely manner so they could review them before voting on them at the Annual meeting.

Linda suggested that the Board use legal size paper for the Proxy/Dues notice this year to have room to add the proposed by-law changes on the front page for easy review by residents when they receive them. Floyd agreed to make the necessary changes to the Proxy/Dues notice and email it to Board members before the December meeting.

A motion was made and seconded (Aper/Clark) to place the proposed by-law changes on the Annual meeting agenda for a vote of the membership. Motion carried.

New Business: The fence request from **** Berkshire was again tabled to the December meeting since the resident has not gotten back to the Board with new plans. It was noted that the Board does now have letters from both neighbors.

The drainage ditch on the south side of the **** block of Ironwood was dug out two or three years ago and does not seem to be a problem according to Tyler Bain from the Town of Normal. The engineering department will have to investigate and address the yard erosion problem identified by a resident at the October meeting.

Adjournment: Motion was made and seconded (Rheeling/Aper) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next Meeting will be December 10th, 2019.