

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

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 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 present.

**Residents' Comments/ Concerns:** \*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* introduced herself since she is running for election to the Board. She also introduced her husband, \*\*\*\*\*.

\*\*\*\*\* indicated that, for now, he just wanted to listen and might have some questions or comments later.

\*\*\*\*\* had appeared before the Board in September wanting to replace his fence which needed repair. He wanted to know if the Board would be voting on that issue tonight. Linda asked him if he had decided on the type of material for the fence. \*\*\*\*\* indicated he would use the black aluminum wrought iron style fencing. A motion was made and seconded (Aper/Clark) to allow the replacement of the fence at \*\*\*\* Berkshire Gardens with a black aluminum wrought iron style fence. Linda questioned if the Board should be approving replacement fences on properties where ownership had changed. Floyd spoke in favor of the motion in that a new fence would improve the appearance of the property. Additional discussion was held regarding if the Board wants to start approving replacement fences if the current fence was installed before the current owner. Motion passed on a 6 to 1 vote (Rheeling voted no).

**President's Report:** Linda received a phone call from a resident wanting to know if rental properties were allowed in Ironwood. The only restriction on rental properties is that they must be used as a single family home.

**Vice President Report:** None

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of November 12, 2019 were presented. Motion was made and seconded (Bahnsen/Clark) to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting as corrected. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning balance as of 11/12/2019 was \$12,488.85, deposits of \$0.00, minus expenditures of \$4,677.22, leaves a balance of \$7,811.63 as of 12/10/2019. Report was received and filed.

JoEllen presented the proposed budget for 2020. She also gave projections of the money we will probably have left in the treasury at the end of the year. Discussion of some items on the proposed budget was held. Motion was made and seconded (Brown/Aper) to approve the proposed 2020 budget. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

The current bank statement was reviewed by Board members.

**Beautification Report:** Walt thanked Jim Schmidt for decorations on the entrance stones at both the north and south entrances to the subdivision, He also thank Bob Bahnsen, David Brown and Roger Rheeling for putting up the Christmas lights at the north entrance.

**Communications Report:** November unique visitors and total number of visits to the ihoa.org website were basically the same as for October. David has now completed the rewriting of the ihoa.org website. The sections for photos and surveys were removed since they have not been changed or used for several years. With the addition of the original covenants to the Board of Directors area, we are starting to run out of storage space, but by removing some older material, we are still under our quota.

There were 103 newsletters mailed out on November 29<sup>th</sup> and 562 sent out by email. The next newsletter will go out on March 1<sup>st</sup> and cover the months of December, January and February. The deadline for submitting articles for that newsletter will be Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made and seconded (Aper/Brown) to move the publishing of the newsletter from March, June, September and December to January, April, July, and October. The reasons for keeping or changing the months of publication were discussed. Motion failed on a 1 to 6 vote (Aper voted yes).

**Covenant's Report:** Susan indicated that no covenant letters went out this past month. She indicated that she needs to follow up on some of the items listed in last months minutes.

The trailer at \*\*\*\* Ironwood was still there this evening, so a second letter will go out to the owners.

Susan said that she had done nothing with trash bins since the Board is still discussing options and how to deal with residents that have visible trash bins.

Justin from the Town of Normal has not gotten back to her on the situation with the missing post on the porch at \*\*\* Ironwood, but the post is still missing. (Note: Justin did reply on Wednesday, 12/11, that the resident had indicated the problem was with the concrete porch sinking and their contractor indicated they should wait until the ground thawed next spring to raise the porch and replace the post. The Board decided that, if the remaining post was not a weight bearing post, it should be removed until the porch is repaired.)

The trailer which was at \*\*\*\* Foxwood has been moved.

The residents at \*\*\* Northridge have notified the Board that there was a mix up with the contractor getting the correct paint to fix the problem with their siding. They will now have to wait until warmer weather in the spring to repaint the siding.

It was noted that the trash bins at \*\*\*\* Ironwood have apparently been moved inside the garage and are no longer visible.

**SUV & Government Report:** Jim has sent a letter to Pam Reece inviting her and other town officials to attend the annual meeting on January 14, 2020. He has received a letter back from Pam indicating that representatives of the Town will be there.

**At-Large Member Report:** None

**Newcomers Report:** None

**Old Business:** Discussion of the format and wording of the Ballot/Proxy/Dues sheet was held with several changes being made to the wording on the sheet. A motion was made and seconded (Brown/Aper) to approve the Ballot/Proxy/Dues sheet as amended. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.

**New Business:** Since there are two additional candidates for the Board and the bios of the first four were published in the newsletter, it was decided to include bios of all six candidates on the back of the Ballot/Proxy/Dues sheet. The bios will also be made available in the “Current News” section of the ihoa.org website.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made and seconded (Clark/Aper) to adjourn. Motion passed on a unanimous vote.. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

**Next meeting will be following the Annual Membership meeting on January 14, 2020.**