

# Ironwood Homeowners Association Monthly Meeting

October 13, 2020

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**Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President David Brown**

**Board Members Present:** JoEllen Bahnsen, David Brown, Walt Clark, Susan Parrent, Ali Preston and Linda Rheeling.

**Residents Present:** Chris Knight, Welcome Committee

**Resident Comments and Concern:** None.

## **President's Report:**

- Responded to an email from a resident concerned about a politically related sign being posted in the median at Towanda and Ironwood which is considered community property. I removed the sign in question.
- Responded to a question from a resident at \*\*\*\* Berkshire Gardens regarding installation of solar panels on his roof. Informed him that there was nothing in the covenants regarding solar panels and therefore the IHOA Board could neither approve or deny the installation of them on a roof.
- Received email from a resident regarding a window air conditioner and a shed in the back yard at \*\*\*\* Towanda. Told him we had no control over putting a window air conditioner in, but would check on the shed in the back yard.
- Responded to email from resident wanting to plant some trees in their yard. Informed them that as long as the trees do not form a barrier, they did not need any approval from the Board.
- Removed real estate for sale signs from Northtown berm and from median on Towanda Avenue.
- In response to the question raised at the bylaws study session on September 22nd about the wording in the covenants referring to the fence guidelines in the bylaws:
  - In the July 1997 minutes they mention needing to talk with the attorney regarding changing the covenants.
  - In the September 1997 minutes it is mentioned that they need to prepare proxies for change in covenants.
  - The October and November minutes are missing. There is no mention in the minutes for December of any vote on the covenants at the annual meeting. There is also no mention in the minutes of what changes they wanted to make to the covenants.
  - In April 1998 the minutes state that they reviewed the revised fence guidelines and the Board approved them.
  - In regards to signs on property, Article V, Section 4 states "No sign of any kind shall be displayed to public view on a lot or the common area without the prior written consent of the Association, except customary name and address

signs and lawn signs of not more than ten (1) square feet in size advertising a property for sale or rent.”

**Vice President’s Report:**

- Received a text regarding a realtors sign on the Northtown berm and referred it to David Brown

**Secretary’s Report:**

- The minutes of September 8, 2020 were presented. One correction was noted under “Covenants Report”. Motion was made and seconded (Rheeling/Preston) to approve the corrected minutes of the meeting. Motion carried.
- The minutes of the September 22, 2020 Board study session on the proposed changes to the by-laws were presented. Motion was made and seconded (Brown/Bahnsen) to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

- The financial report for September 8th through October 13th was reviewed. Beginning balance of \$16,637.60, income of \$104.38, expenses of \$2,208.01 and an ending balance of \$14,533.97.
- HOA Dues for 2020: 576 Paid, 8 Unpaid

**Beautification Report:**

- Walt reviewed two estimates for replacing the signs at the east and west ends of the Northtown berm. Zappa Construction proposed replacing with high density urethane foam signs with recycled plastic timbers for posts at a cost of approximately \$4,750.
- Prairie Signs proposed replacing with sand blasted cedar signs at a cost of approximately \$6,250.
- After discussion, it was decided that Walt should see if Zappa Construction could provide the Board with graphics of what the signs would look like.

**Communications Report:**

- Website Usage – September 2020
  - 463 Unique Visitors
  - 1,075 Total Visitors
  - 2,449 Pages Viewed
- The next newsletter will go out around December 1st. Articles for the newsletter need to be sent to Ali by Friday, November 13th.
- Discussion of the upcoming fence survey was held. It was decided to add a paragraph to it about why the survey was being conducted. Ali will make the necessary changes and send it to Board members for their review.

**Covenant's Report:**

- Susan talked with the residents at \*\*\* Ironwood regarding the building a detached patio with gazebo. They have changed their minds and the patio will now be next to the house.
- Walt talked with the owner of the boat at \*\*\*\* Tanger Court. He is trying to sell it and it will hopefully be moved in the next week or so.
- Complaint has been received regarding a shed at \*\*\*\* Towanda. It was noted there is also a fence and visible trash cans there. Chris indicated that she had visited the house to welcome the new residents and they seemed very willing to follow the covenants. Susan was going to make a visit to discuss the possible covenant violations with them.

**SUV & Government Report:** no report

**Newcomers Report:**

- Chris indicated that she was running short on some supplies for the welcome bags. Linda was going to try and find some for her.

**Old Business:**

- The fence at \*\*\*\* Foxwood is only around the patio in the back yard similar to a fence around a deck. It should not need Board approval.
- David is to contact the Board's lawyer regarding the proposed by-law changes and to ask him to review them. He will also ask the attorney to review the fence survey and ways to vote on the by-law changes. The attorney will be invited to attend the November Board meeting to discuss any concerns he has on those issues.

**New Business:**

- There are 3 positions on the Board up for election in 2021. Bahnsen and Parrent indicated they would be running again. Information will be put on the website asking for any residents interested in running for the Board to submit their name and a short introduction to Ali by November 13th for inclusion in the December newsletter.
- Due to the Covid restrictions on the size of meetings, it was decided to not have the Town representatives attend the annual meeting. Instead, they will be asked to submit in writing any comments they may have regarding upcoming projects that would affect Ironwood. Any residents wishing to attend the annual meeting will have to get approval prior to the meeting so the size can be limited to approximately 25 people including Board members.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made and seconded (Rheeling/Preston) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

**Next Meeting will be on November 10, 2020.**