

Ironwood Homeowners Association Monthly Meeting

May 11, 2021

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

Board Members Present: JoEllen Bahnsen, David Brown, Amy Mortensen, Susan Parrent, Ali Preston, Linda Rheeling.

Residents Present: One resident was present

Residents Comments and Concerns:

***** requested that the agenda be advertised prior to the meeting. David can provide the agenda moving forward.

***** questioned why the budget for attorney is so large. We are required to have an office; therefore, we have a general fee to the lawyer. Additionally, we budget funds for unexpected expenditures. Fees run \$300.00 per hour.

***** discussed observed inconsistencies in fence approvals. He reviewed a couple of fence approvals for replacement fences.

Presidents Report:

David Brown emailed out the updated revisions to the By Laws for Board review.

Vice President's Report:

Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the April 13, 2021 Monthly Meeting were presented. Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes (Rheeling/Preston) Motion carried, none opposed.

Treasurer's Report:

Monthly income/expense report was reviewed.

Reviewed the current bank statement.

Beautification Report:

Walt is not present – presented by David.

Waiting to hear from Zappa about date for the sign installation approved last month.

Communications Report:

June newsletter – submissions due on Monday May 17th for release week of June 7th.

Reviewed ihoa.org – activity for the month was reviewed and consistent with prior months.

Covenants Report:

Susan Parrent followed up on dog off leash discussed last in the month of April.

Susan Parrent followed up on situation at **** Ironwood – car stagnant and dead shrubbery/trees. Branches in the back have been removed and the lawn has shown upkeep. Homeowners are meeting the minimum requirement, dead bush/tree were there prior to purchase of the house. Neighboring resident did mention how he would prefer a fence to hide the issue. It was mentioned that all residents are currently struggling in getting feedback on tree removal – so this will hold for now. Resident pointed out that the covenants do not show a requirement to move the vehicle, but the vehicle needs to start – it would then go to a town ordinance. Article 5 section 17 shows that vehicle must be in working condition.

Discussion on if business trucks are or are not permitted – conversation was had regarding if trucks are advertising a business, it is believed they are not to be parked in the driveway. Section 17 discusses no trucks to be parked in driveways – nothing specifies business vehicles/advertisements.

Susan Parrent offered the observation that dandelions/yards throughout the subdivision are lacking standardization of lawn care and maintenance. In article 1, section 5 it discusses a weed free environment. David Brown will add into the article provided for the June newsletter.

SUV/Government Report:

Jim was not present.

Newcomers Report:

Chris was not present.

Old Business:

By-Law Subcommittee – update has been emailed out.

Next step is to have a meeting with an attorney. David Brown asked the Board if the public should be allowed or if we should have a closed meeting. Linda Rheeling suggested closed meeting since we are paying by the hour. Suggesting that we review in a closed meeting. David Brown suggests putting the By-Law revisions out to the public and allow the residents to submit questions so that we can allow their questions with the lawyer. Linda Rheeling wants questions to be included.

David asked the Board to review the revisions and submit questions for the lawyer at or before the June meeting. Lawyer to meet with the board in July to review questions. The first meeting with the lawyer will be to review questions and requests for clarification from the Board. Not going to submit bylaw revisions to residents to submit questions for the first meeting.

By-Laws will then be publicized after July meeting to the membership. Members will then be able to submit questions to be asked of the lawyer. We will have the membership submit questions to David. The goal is to have the By-Laws finalized for a membership vote in January.

David Brown asked if there was follow up from any Board members regarding discussion on commercial mowers. Amy Mortensen mentioned that Walt Clark had planned to discuss with LKM to determine if a 6-foot space would be sufficient to mow between yards. However, she did mention that in her experience lawn maintenance companies have a variety of lawn mower sizes to accommodate different areas.

Susan Parrent reviewed guidelines – she discussed observations made of the subdivision. She observed that 4 residents share fence lines. Two homes that share a fence are within the current fencing guidelines. It is believed that there is a town ordinance that would prevent a shared fence as there could be property line concerns. The last two fences that were approved were large fences incorporating the whole yard and this standard should be considered in the future for consistency in approvals. Historically we have only had restrictions in from the property line of 6 inches.

Discussion was had regarding possible fences on homes that back to the lakes. There is concerns about access to the lakes for maintenance and for the public.

Motion made to include “no fences allowed to back up to the lake” (Preston/Bahnsen) motion carried with no objection.

New Business:

No business discussed.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn and seconded (Preston/Rheeling) at 8:18 PM

Next Meeting will be June 8, 2021 at 7:00pm.-