

# Ironwood Homeowners Association Monthly Meeting

July 12, 2022

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**Meeting called to order at 7:09 pm by President David Brown**

**Board Members Present:** JoEllen Bahnsen, David Brown, Amy Mortensen, Ali Preston, Linda Rheeling, Susan Parrent and Keith Palmgren

**Residents Present:** None

**Residents Concerns:** None present and no concerns sent in.

**Presidents Report:** Received an email from \*\*\*\* Foxwood (\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\*) regarding problems he is having with a neighbor. Passed the information on to rest of the Board, but these are legal problems and there is nothing the Board can do.

Received a request for a fence from \*\*\*\* Berkshire Garden and passed the information on to the rest of the Board.

Responded to an email regarding installation of solar panels on the house at \*\*\*\* Ironwood. Informed them that they just need to conform to any regulations that the Town of Normal may have.

Received email regarding an RV parked at \*\*\*\* Foxwood. Forwarded email to the rest of the Board members

**Vice President's Report:** Nothing to report

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the June 14, 2022 Monthly Meeting were presented. Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes with corrections (Bahnsen/Rheeling). None opposed, motion carried.

Reviewed minutes from meeting with HOA Attorney on May 31, 2022. Reviewed and filed.

**Treasurer's Report:** JoEllen Bahnsen reported income of \$216.10 and expenses of \$2,083.85.

Reviewed the current bank statement.

Treasurer's report was received and filed.

**Beautification Report:** Replaced dead items on the south end. Water all new plantings during the hot/warm weather to ensure the root system is stabilized.

Keith discussed with LKM about the damaged trees to a resident's property from the mowing. LKM did wrap damaged trees.

Linda shared the observation of two evergreens that appear to be dying. Keith suggests monitoring for a while before taking action.

Keith will contact Tyler about the foliage around the northern edge of the lakes that border Northtown Road.

**Communications Report:** Ihoa.org usage report was reviewed. Within normal ranges.

Discussion was had about including articles for outside events in HOA newsletter. Motion to not allow outside groups to use the HOA database and newsletters for events if not sponsored by the HOA, made and seconded (Palmgren/Preston). Vote 7-0 approval, motion carried.

**Covenants Report :**

- \*\*\*\* Foxwood: RV parked on street and in driveway. Susan will monitor to see if violation continues
- \*\*\* Whispering Pines: Bins in front of garage were reported. They received a letter regarding this on 6/19/19, following they were removed. Second letter was sent 4/22/20. Susan will monitor.
- \*\*\*\* Ironwood: Anonymous letter received regarding yard. Discussing equipment that is left and stored outside. The note also referenced fence around the garden, this is a temporary fence to be taken down at end of garden season and would not be a violation. Prior letters were sent to Ironwood address in June of 2019 and August of 2019. Letter will be sent to homeowner regarding the upkeep of the yard.

**SUV/Government Report:** No updates.

**Newcomers Report:** Not present.

**Old Business:** \*\*\* Ironwood: Susan sent an email to Jay today and has not heard back.

Continued discussion of Board Meeting rules:

1. Limit time for resident concerns to 5 minutes at time of meeting. They may respond to questions asked by the Board. Emails may be sent prior to meeting to help communicate concerns.
2. Limit proposals submitted to the Board and not approved. Resident may not bring the same proposal to the Board for a year.

Motion to approve Board meeting rules (Palmgren/Rheeling) no further discussion needed. Vote 7-0 motion carries.

Review of yard sign enforcement policy: David has concerns about freedom of speech on approving content of signs. The Town has a policy regarding signs, temporary signs are allowed for 60 days. The Town is currently reviewing the time frame with discussions to potentially reduce it. Keith suggested that we should follow the Town guidelines. It was suggested once the Town has an update it should be included in the newsletter of Town guidelines and Board in-

tends to follow that. Susan shared that the newsletter discussed signs due to a covenant reminder. Susan stated if we start follow up on yard signs, the Board will also need to make a decision on enforcement of garbage and recycle bins. Discussion was had of interpretation of when the covenants were written versus interpretation of today. Decision was made to wait for Town of Normal update on policy, then discuss further action.

\*\*\*\*\*'s email from last month. Susan wanted to address the email received regarding her follow up email. Observations were made by \*\*\*\*\* regarding lack of covenant follow up, Susan mentioned the points made should be directed to the full Board rather than one individual as Susan completes follow up after Board discussion.

Newcomers letter update: Copies were distributed to the Board of the drafts. Copies will be sent via email to be reviewed.

**New Business:** Fence Request – \*\*\*\* Berkshire Gardens: There is an in-ground pool on order. They are requesting the approval of the fence; the pool will be installed, and the fence will be set up. Motion to approve fence at \*\*\*\* Berkshire as proposed by owner and meets all 2022 fence guidelines (Brown/Mortensen) no further discussion. 6 votes to approve (Brown, Preston, Mortensen, Palmgren, Parrent and Bahnsen). Rheeling abstained, motion carried.

Fence Guidelines discussion was had regarding how the Board ensures approved fences are installed as presented/approved. Further discussion to be had.

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn and seconded (Rheeling/Preston) at 8:38 PM

**Next Meeting will be August 9, 2022 at 7:00pm.**