

Ironwood Homeowners Association Board Meeting Minutes

September 9th, 2025 6:30 PM

- Call to Order at 6:30 pm. Quorum present
 - Board Members Present: JoEllen Bahnsen (JB), Mel Brown (MBr), Merritt Burns (MBu), Keith Palmgren (KP), Linda Rheeling (LR), Jeff Woodall (JW), and Suzann Reid (SR).
 - Guests Present: none.
- Resident's Comments and Concerns
 - None
- President's Report: Jeff Woodall
 - Weeds on Towanda. JW contacted the Town to address the concerns. The Town plans to get those weeds down and seal up the joints.
 - West Pond. Resident reached out to me on concerns with algae/unpleasant odor. JW had the resident contact the Town to address their concerns.
 - XXXXX Tamarack (Trailer). JW contacted the Town for followup. They drove by and the trailer was gone. Town said if it happens again the resident should contact the police to address the situation.
- Vice President's Report - Linda Rheeling
 - LR submits her resignation due to relocation, effective in October 2025. The Board thanked LR for her services to the Board (which total over 21 years). Her knowledge and involvement in the subdivision will be missed.
- Secretary's Report: Suzann Reid
 - Approval of August 12th minutes as revised. LR motioned to approve and MBr seconded. Approved 7-0.
- Treasurer's Report: JoEllen Bahnsen
 - Beginning balance in checking account as of August 12, 2025 of \$9,085.52. Total deposits of \$54.38. Expenses paid for mowing and printing totaled \$2,203.84. Ending balance on September 9, 2025 of \$6,936.06. There are \$15,000 in CDs at Busey. Total checking + CD = \$21,936.06.
 - 5 homeowners have not paid their dues yet.
- Beautification Report - Keith Palmgren
 - KP has received phone calls from residents regarding medians on Northridge.
 - The shrubs that were originally planted in the medians were removed over a year ago.
 - KP is reviewing proposals for replanting. Need for something that can be easily maintained, will not block views or impede traffic, and that is salt resistant. Best time to plant would be in October.
 - Based on preliminary proposals and after reviewing the budget, the Board voted to approve up to \$3,000 for new shrubs. MBu motioned, JB seconded, all approved.

- KP has received calls regarding dead/dying tree in Towanda median
 - Cost to remove tree and stump would be \$3,600; if we remove tree, the stump removal would be \$75. This could occur in the Spring.
 - KP will consider whether discounts would be available based on could be used for this median
- KP mentioned that there is one tree on the Northtown berm that will need to be removed eventually. This doesn't have to be done yet. Maybe in the spring.
- Communications Report - Mel Brown
 - Website Conversion - the new website has been activated.
 - Hostinger hosting options and email setup - briefly discussed hosting options. Currently using the free plan, but may need to move to a paid plan with more capabilities. This is pending as other services are considered. Email setup instructions for Board members were sent.
 - Newsletter was sent–
 - There are roughly 30 residents without email addresses. Newsletters to those residents were physically mailed. To avoid postage and printing expenses, the Board is considering stopping the postal mailing (except where action is required (voting and dues) and simply posting to the website. Such a change would be communicated to those homeowners without emails.
 - Recognize that email addresses were viewable in the mailing. This was an oversight that will be avoided in future distributions.
- Covenants Report - Merritt Burns
 - XXXXX Whispering Pines - New shingled roof of driftwood color from Landmark. Installed 5-7 weeks. OK - just awareness.
 - XXXXX Asbury Farms CC - Inquired about next steps to install a fence
 - XXXXX Tamarack - Commercial trailer on the street (covered above - Town notified)
 - XXXXX Foxwood - Overgrown landscaping. MBu will mail a letter.
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 - XXXXX Claremont. Replacing pool with a new insert. Requested a diagram, photos of insert and fencing confirmation. OK. - just awareness.
 - XXXXX Foxwood - Garbage cans are in the driveway. Trailer is in the street. Was told on 8/19 that owner plans to build an area to "camouflage" them.
- Newcomers - Linda Rheeling
 - Sara Palmgren has volunteered to help Chris Knight.
- New Business
 - XXXXX Tamarack - Fence request. Fence is needed due to pool. Fence meets guidelines. SMR moved to approve and LR seconded. All approved.
 - Deer Cove Sidewalks. Dog waste on sidewalks. Nothing observed.

- Board Communication Emails. MBr suggested use of title-based email addresses. All approved. In addition, website will be reviewed to confirm that Susan Parrent and Dave Brown are not receiving Board communications.
 - XXXXX Deer Cove Ct. (Deck Improvement). OK Just awareness.
 - XXXXX Sterling Glen - Disturbance. Town of Normal has been in contact for issues.
 - XXXXX Tamarack (above)
- Old Business
 - Weeds on Ironwood (above)
 - Golf Carts - waiting on input from Town.
 - [HOA accounts through Microsoft Teams or Google](#) - under discussion.
- Adjournment at 8:34. LR moved; MBu seconded. Passed 7-0.

Next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 14th at the Ironwood Golf Course clubhouse at 6:30 pm.