

Ironwood Homeowners Association Board Meeting Minutes

April 14th, 2026

6:00 PM

- Call to Order at 6:02

- Board Members Present: Jeff Woodall (JW), JoEllen Bahnsen (JB), Mel Brown (MB), Keith Palmgren (KP), Susan Parrent (SP), Michael Weiland (MW), and Suzann Reid (SR).

Homeowner Present: Josh Peters

- Resident's Comments and Concerns

- XXXX Ironwood Drive - Resident sought information about fence to surround a pool. Discussion regarding fence guidelines and need for discussion with Town. Homeowner to provide additional information.

- President's Report: Jeff Woodall

JW mentioned the following items to be discussed later in the meeting.

- Created Records Retention Outline/Timeline for the Board to review
- Compiled the Strawpoll results on what is important to Ironwood Residents
- Fire Union representative to attend and discuss Fire Station issues in Normal
- MW and JW met with XXXX Haverhill about a fence.
- Receive request to attend Focus Group from Town of Normal (Parks and Recs).
- Received request from XXXX Ironwood - Swing set being installed.

- Vice President's Report - Susan Parrent

- SP reached out to Corn Belt regarding the significant number of street lights that were not working properly. Many of them have now been fixed.
- SP also contacted Corn Belt regarding the poor condition of a light pole on the north end of Towanda.

- Secretary's Report: Suzann Reid

- Approval of Feb 10th minutes, as revised. Motion to approve by JB; seconded by MB. Approved 7-0

- Treasurer's Report: JoEllen Bahnsen

Beginning balance in checking account as of February 10, 2026 of \$15,133.28.

Total deposits of \$2,450

Expenses paid totaled \$4,634.93 (LKM, insurance premium, and Corn Belt).

Ending balance in checking account as of March 10, 2026 of \$12,948.35

There are 3 CDs totalling \$25,121.08

Total checking + CDs as of March 10, 2026 = \$38,069.43

523 homeowners have paid their dues; 61 are outstanding.

Beginning balance in checking account as of March 10, 2026 of \$12,948.35

Total deposits of \$1,232.52

Expenses paid totaled \$2,095.52 (LKM and Corn Belt).

Ending balance in checking account as of April 14, 2026 of \$12,085.35

There are 3 CDs totalling \$25,121.08

Total checking + CDs as of April 14, 2026 = \$37,206.43

545 homeowners have paid their dues; 39 are outstanding.

- Beautification Report - Keith Palmgren

- KP had conversation with homeowner who backs up to Northtown Road regarding the area around the evergreen trees on the berm. KP to work with LKM regarding the state of the berm and the need for seed rolls to improve certain grassy areas.
- KP also discussing the condition of recent plantings on Towanda.
- There are continuing discussions with the Town regarding the medians.

- Communications Report - Mel Brown

- Discussion on website analytics.
- The poll resulted in an increase in website visits.

- Covenants Report - Mike Weiland

- Discussion of topics during new business.

- Newcomers

Nothing unusual to report.

- New Business

- XXXX Ironwood (Pool)
 - Homeowner will be installing an above-ground pool. Homeowner must work with the Town. Pool will not be near the property lines. Fence to meet Town guidelines and will not be around the perimeter of the yard. Homeowner to provide specific plans.
- XXXX Claremont (Pool / Fence Approval)
 - Homeowner intends to replace the current fence (around pool) in same location as current fence. The homeowner had reached out to a member of the Board over the winter with plans and was given approval for replacement fence. Full board had not previously heard plans regarding the fence replacement. There is mature landscaping in the yard. After discussion, the Board voted to approve the replacement fence. SR motioned, MW seconded the motion. Approved 6-1. Homeowner should provide specific plans.
- XXXX Haverhill (Fence)
 - Homeowner is considering a fence. MW and JW met with homeowner to discuss the guidelines.
- Normal Parks & Rec (Focus Group)
 - JW plans to attend.
- Strawpoll Results / Discuss Next Steps
 - 26% of Ironwood Residents submitted the strawpoll of the topics selected from the discussions at the 2026 Annual Meeting. Below are the results, in order of priorities:
 - Fire Stations in Normal
 - Speed Limit / Motorcycles (on Northtown Road)
 - Noise from I55
 - Parking Enforcement
 - Golf Carts

- Thank you to the residents who took the time to complete the survey.
- Next steps will be for the Board to review the issue and what actions can be done.

- Old Business
 - 2025 Annual Audit
 - The internal audit of the financials, resulted in no concerns.
 - SR moved to approve the results; KP seconded the motion. Approved 6-0 (Treasurer abstained). .
 - IHOA Records Retention (Finalize Plans)
 - JW shared a draft proposal and thoughts regarding next steps.
 - XXXX Asbury
 - JW was able to connect the homeowner with the golf course so that they may discuss options to keep golfers out of the yard.

- Fire Department Union Representative
 - The Fire Department Union Representative shared information regarding Fire/EMS coverage, including a discussion as to the impact of moving Station #2 (from Blair St. to Shepard). While there was a need for more coverage on the east side of Veterans, the move may have created some gaps in the central area of Town. This change could impact Ironwood. In addition, long term plans are to move Station #3 (Prairieland).
 - The Board feels Ironwood homeowners should be informed of these issues and encourage homeowners to get engaged.

- Adjournment
 - KP moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. MW seconded the motion.

Next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, May 12th at the Ironwood Golf Course clubhouse at 6:30 pm.