

## 2002 ANNUAL INDIAN CREEK HOMEOWNERS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002

### Attendees:

Sue Arnold	Kathy Dumler	Doug Reeves
Greg Beneze	Bob Hancock	Faith Russell
John Boyd	Marta Mason	Jim Russell
Mary Ann Boyd	Larry Meyer	Dave Schulthes
Tommie Crouthamel	Helen Mogill	Judy Schulthes
Mike Cunningham	Tim Mogill	Jimmy Young

Minutes from the March 19, 2001 annual meeting were distributed and approved.

### Treasurer's Report - Dave Schulthes

- Current balance is \$65,000+
- 80% in CD's earning approx. 3% interest
- \$10-11,000 increase per year
- There is no hard cap of \$75,000. At the board's discretion, one quarterly payment may be waived when we approach this amount.
- Next major anticipated expense is repainting the watertower

### Water Report - Tim Mogill

- Water usage was down 10% from last year!!!
- Schippert's apparently has a new product to remove gasses from water lines. Price unknown.
- Thanks to the following for helping with the last water outage, which was due to an electrical outage:
  - Greg Beneze
  - Mike Cunningham
  - Frank Cottrell
  - Tim & Helen Mogill
  - Dave & Judy Schulthes
  - Corn Belt Electric
  - Laesch Electric
- Tim plans to have an external warning light installed to indicate when power goes out to the tower
- Even/odd water control measures will continue (Note: This will be based on street numbers now instead of box numbers.)

### Homeowners Report - Greg Beneze

- The HO Board requests that homeowners give strong consideration before switching garbage disposal vendors. 7 years ago, DC Young, then Board President, worked very hard to get everyone on the same service for the following reasons:
  - Garbage cans are on the street only one day a week
  - Reduced truck traffic in the subdivision
  - Reduced load on roads
- A suggestion was made to pursue a garbage collection contract for the entire subdivision and add it to the quarterly water bill, but the board has concerns with getting involved in collecting payments for an outside vendor.
- There will be a Spring Clean-up Day, probably end of April. Date will be determined by new Homeowner chair. There are two huge downed trees that need to be cleared from the trail, and lots of other pruning/trimming and trash pickup to be done.
- Mowing season is almost here and we need volunteers to help with the mowing. To learn how to use the tractor, contact Greg Beneze, Jim Kellenberger, Larry Meyer, or Bob Hancock.
- Tommie Crouthamel volunteered to be our Adopt-a-Highway coordinator this year. Tommie will be

contacting other homeowners to help pick up trash along a 2-mile stretch of County Rd 29. There will be 4 pick-up dates between April & Oct. Please consider helping out. Participants must be at least 16 years old.

- Discussed renting a dumpster for a spring cleaning day. Cost would be \$300 for a weekend. There was not enough interest shown to pursue this.

#### **Secretary/Vice President's Report - Sue Arnold**

- 13 families attended the subdivision picnic on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a little wet, but we had a good time.
- New Garden Club has been meeting monthly since August. Meetings are usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, and all homeowners are welcome. Previous topics have included:
  - Growing bulbs
  - Seed propagation
  - Gardening for wildlife
  - Making flower presses
  - Prairie restoration (topic for March 21)
- Thanks to Helen Mogill for developing and maintaining websites for both the Garden Club and the subdivision.
  - Indian Creek Website: [www.frontiernet.net/~tmogill/icreek/home.htm](http://www.frontiernet.net/~tmogill/icreek/home.htm)
  - Garden Club Website: [www.frontiernet.net/~tmogill/GardenClub/Homepage.htm](http://www.frontiernet.net/~tmogill/GardenClub/Homepage.htm)
- Thanks to Marta Mason for delivering luminary bags this Christmas, and to the Towanda Company for donating and delivering the sand.
- The Route 66 Ramble is April 6<sup>th</sup>. It starts at 9:00 am at the Route 66 Historic Site in Towanda. This is a 4-mile run/walk along the old Route 66 highway. It is organized by Fred Walk's NCHS Social Studies Club, and proceeds go back to the club.
- Spring garage sales are scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Details will be in April newsletter.
- Indian Creek has the first reported sighting in McLean county of a Eurasian Collared Dove. It was seen in the subdivision on March 15, 16, and 17. Visit the Indian Creek website to see a picture.

#### **Old Business - None**

#### **New Business**

- The Garden Club requested approval to pursue (1) a native prairie area, and (2) a community garden.
  - The major concern raised with a prairie area is keeping the multiflora rose from coming back if mowing is stopped.
  - A motion was passed allowing the Garden Club to pursue a plan for converting up to ¼ acre of common ground to native prairie, at a cost of up to \$300. The plan must be presented to the Board for approval.
  - Concerns with a community garden included flooding, providing a water source, poor soil, and animal problems.
  - The Garden Club will do a newsletter survey to determine interest in a community garden.
- We need an efficient way to contact all homeowners about water outages, boil orders, etc. Helen Mogill volunteered to put together a calling tree.
- The Fire Dept. has requested a subdivision map showing the new street numbers. There is a map available on the Indian Creek web site. Bob Hancock will get a copy and provide it to the Fire Dept.
- Remember to get your new street numbers on your mailboxes and your house if you haven't already.
- If anyone is interested in a lawn mowing job this summer, contact Dennis Maze at 728-2614. The location is 2 miles from the subdivision, towards Lake Bloomington.

#### **Election of Board Members**

- Steve Jurovic was elected to serve a 3-year board term, replacing Greg Beneze. Greg has been a valuable board member since 1996.
- Dave Schulthes was re-elected to serve another 3-year board term. Dave has also been a valuable board member since 1996.