

## 2003 ANNUAL INDIAN CREEK HOMEOWNERS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2003 7:00 PM

### Attendees:

Sue Arnold	Tim Mogill
Greg Beneze	Faith Russell
Bob Hancock	Jim Russell
Marta Mason	Dave Schulthes
Larry Meyer	Jimmy Young

Minutes from the March 18, 2002 annual meeting were distributed and approved.

### Old Business -

- Greg Beneze volunteered to be our Adopt-a-Highway coordinator this year. Greg will be organizing crews of 4-8 people to pick up trash along a 2-mile stretch of County Rd 29. There will be 4 pick-up dates between April & Oct. Participants must be at least 16 years old
- Tim Mogill will follow-up on the calling tree that was discussed at last year's meeting.
- Members present were in favor of continuing the fall picnic tradition. Marta Mason volunteered to coordinate a picnic for this year. We picked a date of Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm, with a raindate of Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Treasurer's Report - Dave Schulthes

- Balance was \$73,630 at the end of March
- CD's earning approx. 2% interest
- We should exceed \$75,000 this year, but the board has decided not to waive a quarterly bill
- There was a recommendation to check on our tax status and determine if there is a maximum allowed amount we can accumulate
- Water maintenance fee to Frank Cottrell is \$540/month plus an hourly fee for any additional work

### Water Report - Tim Mogill

- The chlorine mixer was replaced last month
- We are experiencing some problems with the shut-off switch
- Inside of tower needs to be sand-blasted and painted
- Tim will inquire about having a visual inspection of the tower interior
- We are now part of JULIE
- Tim needs a better way to locate lot markers and water shut-offs for JULIE. He was thinking of purchasing a metal detector, but there was another suggestion to check with Brian Myers about a tool that surveyors use to locate the lot pins.
- There was a recommendation to have the back-up pump inspected and tuned-up so it would be ready if it was ever needed.

### Homeowners Report -

- There will be a Spring Clean-up Day, TBD.
- Mowing season is here and as always, we need volunteers to help with the mowing.

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

- **Garage Sales** - Towanda area spring garage sales are April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-6 on Friday, and from 8-2 on Saturday. If you wish to participate, contact Gail Briggs. There is a \$3 fee to cover advertising and printing costs. 4 Indian Creek families have already signed up.

- Contact info for Gail Briggs:  
Ph. 728-2187  
Email - [rgbriggs@frontiernet.net](mailto:rgbriggs@frontiernet.net)  
Mail - 112 Hunt Street, Towanda (Lamplighter subdivision)
- **Social Activities** - Instead of organizing a fall picnic last year, the board solicited feedback on combining a potluck dinner with this annual meeting. We didn't get any feedback one way or the other, so the potluck idea was abandoned.
- We didn't get any volunteers last year for holiday luminaries. Members present were in favor of continuing the luminaries. Jimmy Young volunteered his Boy Scout troop to deliver bags and sand door-to-door. Dave Schulthes volunteered to coordinate the communications. We picked a date of Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, with Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> as a back-up date.
- **Garden Club** - The Indian Creek Garden Club is now in its second year. Some of the activities over the past year included:
  - Field trips - Parkland's wildflower walk, Cooking with herbs demonstration
  - Crafts - grape vine wreaths, paper white containers
  - Education - prairie restoration speaker, native tree identification workshop
  - Plant exchange
  - Subdivision garden walk
- Last year's plans for a prairie area and a community garden are on hold for now.
- A Garden Club workday is scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd at 1:00, with a rain date of Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Activities will include pulling exotic garlic mustard plants, identifying trees to label, and (for those wanting a little more challenge) cutting out exotic honeysuckle shrubs. Anyone is welcome to join as at the bridge for this workday. NOTE: Rain date has been changed from what was announced at the meeting.
- The Garden Club plans to order permanent engraved labels to identify various trees along the nature trail with both the scientific and the common names. The expected cost is \$6-8 per label, depending on which label we go with. A request was made for the labels to be financed from the homeowners fund. A motion was passed approving up to \$300 towards the purchase of labels.
- **People News** - We welcomed 6 new families to the subdivision this past year, and at least 2 new babies. On a very sad note, Jim and Vicky Hogan are moving into town this week because of Jim's health. Their new address is 201 S. Towanda Ave in Normal (61761). Vicky is keeping her email address: [vickyhogan@yahoo.com](mailto:vickyhogan@yahoo.com). They would love to have us stay in touch with them and especially to keep them in our thoughts during a very difficult time.
- **Newsletter** - This also leaves us without a newsletter. Vicky has volunteered her time to publish a monthly newsletter for almost 4 years now, and we owe her a huge thank you! Vicky has copies of all her past newsletters, and has offered her time to help get a new editor started. Ideas we considered are reducing the frequency of the newsletter, and/or converting it to an electronic newsletter. Marta Mason volunteered to take over the newsletter. A motion was passed to reduce the newsletter to quarterly and include it in paper format with the water bill mailing. Dave Schulthes volunteered to take over the phone directory since he already has most of the information set up for the water bills.

#### **Election of Board Member**

- Faith Russell was elected to serve a 3-year board term, replacing Sue Arnold.