

## **Minutes for the Annual Meeting – January 28, 2009**

The Annual Meeting of the Indian Creek Water and Homeowners Association was held January 28, 2009, at 7:00pm at the Towanda Community Building. Board members and homeowners introduced themselves. Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting were read and adopted.

Jim Russell gave the Groundskeeper report. 13 volunteers for the spring work day and 8 for the fall picked up litter along the highway, painted the subdivision entry signs and stained the nature area gate. Jim and Bob Hancock repaired the mower; tractor tires were also replaced in 2008. We will hold spring and fall work days again. Some felt that the common areas that had been heavily planted with trees many years ago should be thinned. Sue Arnold will mark the oaks, white pines, black cherry, red maple trees, and other desirable species to save; hawthorns and other undesirables will be removed. Some voiced interest in a nature trail and the thought was that this might be accomplished in stages over time. Jayson Hines of 4 Candle Ridge is concerned about the burning of yard waste. He has offered to collect yard debris and haul it away for free once a month, beginning on Sat., March 7 and continuing the first Saturday of every month (rain or shine) through the rest of 2009. If you would like to participate, simply leave this material by the street. If you have questions, let one of the Board members know. Suggested burn guidelines will be disseminated through the subdivision website.

Our new Water Chair, Bob Hancock, provided a report. Our current pump is made up of new and old parts. Frank Cottrell does not recommend that we replace it yet. However, we do have a spare pump in safe storage in Peoria. There was a Dec. 22, 2008 electrical outage, during which time the pump was down, but this was due to a breaker only and nothing more serious. We were due to receive a water quality report in December 2008 but we've not received it yet. We do know that our readings are normal except for a high level of iron. We signed a contract with Tri-County; it now performs the "locates" for us. They have been prompt and accurate. We have received a report from the EPA and it recommends that we vent the inside of the tower.

Barbara Ulbrich is our VP/Secretary. The morning coffees at residents' homes have been fun for those who have attended! Kirbie Brittain, one of Indian Creek's teenage residents, passed away in late August 2008, and a chili supper on January 31 will be held in her memory at NCHS.

Treasurer Dave Schultes reported that the Association balance is \$31,791. This includes \$5000 reimbursement we paid for clean up in the water tower claim. Our funds are invested in 6 month CDs earning 3.2%. Expenses include several items related to the water tower and mowing (\$4500/year). Dave discussed the status of the water tower

event of summer 2007. The two workers who were injured filed various insurance claims. Some of the claims have been settled. Other claims are pending in litigation.

After Board reports, residents discussed that septic systems with sand filters are required to be chlorinated. We also discussed speeding and careless driving that's occurring. We're fortunate to have young children living in the subdivision and drivers must be mindful that children (and adults) enjoy the yards and roadways. We'd like drivers to slow down! It was suggested that we request Sheriff Emory bring his "You Are Driving This Speed" sign to make drivers aware how fast they are going! Meeting adjourned at approximately 8 pm.