

MINUTES

INDIANWOOD IMPROVEMENT ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Larry Sak. After the Pledge of Allegiance, those present introduced themselves. The election of Officers and Directors was then conducted by Larry. The following agreed to run for officers: Larry Sak for President, Jim Westcott for Vice-President, Marilyn Anderson for Secretary and Nancy Wrobel for Treasurer. Six members agreed to run for directorship positions: Heidi Anderson, Joe Cape, Edyta Phillips, Alex Privert, Christopher Reimann and Betty Smolarek. The seventh position remained unfilled at this time. Marge Kloka made a motion that the nominees be elected by acclamation. Al Pryka seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Larry thanked the retiring Board members Candy Lytle, Jon Moses, and Skip Follis for their many years of service. As immediate Past President, Jim Skiba will continue to remain on the Board for the next year.

Members were given an opportunity to read last year's minutes. Chris Reimann made a motion that we accept the minutes, Jim Skiba seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Nancy Wrobel then discussed the Treasurer's report. She presented a pie chart showing the breakdown of expenses. The biggest expense is for common area maintenance followed by liability insurance. At present our bank balance is \$16,765.02, and we will have approximately \$2,000 in outstanding expenses due before the end of the year. Heidi Anderson made a motion that we accept the financial report, Dave Anderson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Our lake is overseen by a five member Indianwood Lake Improvement Board. Bill Colvett, our IIA representative on the Board, was unable to attend the meeting. Larry Sak explained the weed harvesting and herbicide treatments done this year. A fish study was also done, and the results will be available to all members early next year. Use of phosphate free soap and lawn fertilizer is also encouraged. The township continues to work with the DNR to pass an ordinance stating that "it is unlawful to operate a vessel powered by a motor other than an electric motor, and it is unlawful to exceed a slow, no wake speed on Indianwood Lake."

Due to the safety issues and liability involved, it was decided to remove the raft from the lake last year. Much work is being done to try to keep the geese off the beach by using roping and noodles, and the erection of a fieldstone wall is also planned to combat erosion.

Anyone planning to build a new home or remodel an existing one must submit two copies of their plans to the Building Committee for approval before beginning construction. Members with complaints about road conditions are encouraged to contact the Road Commission for Oakland County.

Jon Moses sends out a newsletter digitally via email three times a year—autumn, winter and spring. Two hundred and seventy-two residents receive it, and seventy per cent open it. It highlights events planned in the Association. Betty Smolarek oversees the Facebook account which now has 218 members. The website can

be reached using www.Indianwoodhoa.com. It is a public site and contains Association documents, maps, etc. No resident information is included.

Candy Lytle spoke about the many social activities that took place this year: Wrobel's hosted an Easter Egg Hunt in Abseguami Park the Saturday before Easter, Larry Sak had a Men's Bocce Party, and Heidi Anderson hosted a Ladies Tea during the summer. Betty and Dave Smolarek along with Denise and Joe Cape also had a Progressive Dinner Party in the fall. An Association picnic was held at Abseguami Park in September. A Food Truck was present at the park for members to purchase snack items. A Family Christmas Brunch is planned on Sunday, December 8th at 12:30 p.m. at Boulder Pointe.

Four new families were welcomed this year: Kyle Pepper of 1760 Oneida Trail, Nathan and Amanda Cook of 1240 Nakomis Trail. Adam and Andrea Kinne of 1040 Indianwood Road, and David Hammond of 1295 Nakomis Rd.

According to the Covenants, "Any change in dues must be voted on at the Annual Meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose " (by association members in good standing). The Board felt that our dues were currently too low and should be raised. Therefore, it was decided to make a proposal at the Annual Meeting that the dues be raised from \$75 to \$125 annually. Larry explained that the last time the dues were raised was in 1994, and that inflation has made it impossible to operate financially. After a short discussion, Tom Wrobel made a motion that the dues be raised to \$125 annually. Deb Sak seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Comments and questions were then accepted from members present. Speeding in the neighborhood is a concern. The Sheriff's Department placed a speed cart on Nakomis per the Board's request and encouraged members to call them if any problems arise. The substation number is 248-858-4911. The Airbnb on Nakomis is still in operation. The township attorneys are in the process of changing their ordinance to restrict the operation. Also, Jim Westcott was asked about the protocol for fishing on the Nakomis Bridge. People should be members to do so; most of them are fishing on the other side and not causing problems. If things start to be a problem, Jim will react. The board was thanked for placing the new trees and picnic tables in Abseguami Park. Orion Township will again offer free boat shrink wrap recycling next spring.

Tom Wrobel spoke about the passing of long time Board member Todd Rachel. A plaque in his memory has been placed on the fishing dock that Todd constructed on Garlick Pointe and a donation made to Leader Dog of the Blind.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Anderson, Secretary