

MINUTES

INDIANWOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Jim Skiba. After the Pledge of Allegiance, those present introduced themselves.

The election of Officers and Directors then took place and was conducted by John Reimann. The following members agreed to run for Officer positions: Larry Sak for President, Jim Westcott for Vice-President, Marilyn Anderson for Secretary and Nancy Wrobel for Treasurer. Those agreeing to run for Director positions included: Skip Follis, Candy Lytle, Jon Moses, Roseann Nieman, Christopher Reimann, Todd Rachel, and Betty Smolarek. John Reimann asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. Since there were none, John made a motion that nominations be closed and that the nominees be elected by acclamation. Bill Colvett seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. As Immediate Past President, Jim Skiba will continue to remain on the Board for the next two years. Larry thanked Jim for his excellent service as President.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were then presented. Todd Rachel made a motion that they be approved. John Reimann seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Nancy Wrobel then discussed the Treasurer's report. Over 80% of the members paid dues this year. Our current balance is \$15,781.02. She presented a graph showing Association expenses by category. The largest expenses were for common area maintenance and liability insurance. The possibility of raising dues next year was brought up. The Board will discuss it at the November Board meeting, and it will also be brought up at next year's annual meeting. Larry moved that we accept the Treasurer's report. Candy seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Bill Colvett, our representative on the Lake Board, reported that there were eight herbicide treatments and four mechanical harvestings in the lake this year. Almost one thousand tons of biomass were removed. Close to \$63,000 was spent on weed harvesting.

Todd explained that the Lake Board is funded by our summer and winter taxes through a Special Assessment District (SAD) administered by the township.

The Board is looking at the possibility of a deep drawdown next year, although the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) is not keen on the idea. The Lake Board will also have a fish study conducted, and the lake will then be restocked with the suggested varieties of fish. Jim Skiba thanked Bill for his hard work on the Lake Board.

There was a lot of activity to improve our neighborhood this year. In addition to the usual common area maintenance, there was a beach clean-up in the spring done by association volunteers. During the summer, sand was replenished on the beach and gravel added to the path leading down to it. The concrete pad at the boat launch was also levelled. To help define a swim area, swim buoys were placed at the beach and swim noodles attached to them.

Jon Moses explained that the newsletter is digital and is sent out three times a year—spring, summer and fall. 270 members received it this year and about 70% opened it. In addition, Jon is using a new text messaging system to advise members of special events, lake weed treatments, etc.

Roseann spoke about all the social activities planned for this year. An Easter Egg Hunt was held at Nancy and Tom Wrobel's and was very popular with many young families. In June, Candy hosted a Ladies Tea, and "Bocce, Scotch and Cigars" was held at Larry Sak's for the men. Luminaries were set out the night of the fireworks, and a summer picnic and Fall Progressive Dinner were held. A family-oriented Holiday Party will take place on Sunday, December 3rd at Boulder Point. It will feature music provided by a deejay, games and a visit from Santa. Roseann encouraged association members to get together more often and would welcome any suggestions for new social activities.

Several new members were welcomed this year: Bill and Kim Morrison of 819 Abseguami, Chris and Laura Umland of 1151 Abseguami, Alex and Debbie Privert of 1180 Seneca, Christopher Bonkowski and Mara Clark of 128 Menasha, Brian and Danielle Collins of 125 The Neebish, Susan and Mike Scarchilli of 950 Abseguami and Geoffrey Sherman and Darlene Clements of 994 Abseguami. Marilyn asked that she be notified of any new neighbors moving in, so that they can be welcomed into the association.

The Indianwood Facebook site now has 213 members. Betty uses it to advise members of activities in the area. It is a closed site, and Betty must approve those who wish to join. Hopefully this will prevent any type of solicitation or political commentary.

Todd maintains the website. It explains everything you need to know about the association and includes Covenants and By-Laws, Association history, complaint procedures, lake maintenance, meeting minutes, etc. It is often used by realtors seeking information about the area.

Under New Business, Jeanette Jordan talked about the vacant property on Nakomis next to Harold Tobes' home. A dump truck and backhoe are parked on the property and rarely, if ever, used. No progress is being made in constructing the home. According to Jim Skiba, Township Code Enforcement can issue a ticket if there is lack of movement in the construction; he will call them. He also asked Jeanette to do the same in a week.

The Airbnb on Nakomis is still being operated despite being cited by the township. The attorneys for the township feel that the present township ordinance banning Airbnb's is not strong enough. The township is in the process of adopting a new ordinance which will then be used to take the owners to court.

Jim Skiba thanked John Reimann for his many years on the Board and thanked all those present for attending the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Anderson, Secretary