

**Indian Hills Peninsula Civic Club  
Minutes of Meeting of July 14, 2018**

President Peter Barnhart called the meeting to order at 4:00.

**Approval of Minutes.**

Attendees read the minutes of the meeting of April 14, 2018 presented by Secretary Garry Japko. Linda Horton made a motion to accept the minutes and Dale Ann Ovelgonne seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

**Treasurer's Report.**

Treasurer Paulette Whitmire gave the report for the 2nd Quarter of 2018. Diana Japko made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and Gil Groendyke seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval

Peter asked about the next budget, and noted that it appeared the Club's Bylaws calls for a Budget Committee, and asked if there were any in attendance who wanted to be on that committee. No one volunteered. Discussion then followed about possible items for the upcoming Club's budget. Peter noted one item that was planned was improvements to the flagpole at the entrance. He noted four poles had been donated by Bob Kuperman and were in place. Bill Hutcheson noted they must either be illuminated or be taken down and raised every day. Peter said he would look online for possible lights for the Club to purchase. Dale Ann suggested we update the marquee at the point, and do come clean up there. Peter volunteered Dale Ann to take up that project. Janet Hutcheson asked whether we could put a fountain in the pond. She said we got some bids at some point for about \$7,000, and there might be a folder in the office. Teresa Russell volunteered to look into pricing one.

Janet Hutcheson noted that A/C might need some work or replacement, but Peter noted that had been taken care of. Discussion on how we might take look at replacing them the next time it comes up.

Dale Ann asked whether we could sell the Club's park, since nothing is done with it, and we pay taxes on it since we lost our tax-exempt status. Discussion followed on that, and Peter noted in our last meeting Jo Carol Wells said she would review that. Peter will get with her before the next meeting. Question came up about the status of the lot. It was noted it is categorized as a reserve, so we would have to re-plat it as a lot to be able to sell it. Peter will look into that with the County and report next meeting. He asked for a vote on the potential sale of the property. Vote passed.

Art Horton brought up the storage building on it, and we would likely have to replace it. Discussion followed regarding its poor condition and whether we really need it. Bill Hutcheson suggested buying a trailer, and putting on the site of the clubhouse.

**Ladies Auxiliary.**

Janet, Secretary, reported Cindy DeLay was out of town, so she would give report. Ann Stewart noted the clubhouse has been rented out a couple of times recently, and they have gone well. Janet reported the Garage Sale in May was very successful, in part to the items donated by the family of Ann Barton. She reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. She noted that she and Bill were not able to attend at the last minute, but was glad to report everything went very well thanks to the help of members. Costs this year were comparable to last year's. Dale Ann gave the Treasurer Report for the Road Fund and Ladies Auxiliary, as she has taken over as Treasurer for Ann Barton. She asked that a second checkbook be obtained for the Road Fund, which has never existed. Janet noted we had fewer entries in the parade because the 4<sup>th</sup> fell on a Wednesday. Next year the 4<sup>th</sup> is on a Thursday. After some discussion it was decided we hold it on Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Old Business.**

**Deed Restrictions Committee.** Peter noted in the IHPCC Bylaws the Club and its officers have no authority to address restrictions. He has been told by his attorney, that absent a clause about changing restrictions, a simple majority of each section can make changes. He has drafted a list of potential restrictions and will discuss it when it's completed.

**Road Fund Project.** Peter has discussed our setting up a Road Improvement District with the County and they are in favor of one. Mary Jo Aymes asked how we would notify property owners. We would have to mail out a ballot to property owners. We would need to decide whether we want to collect the funds through an Assessment or Tax, and the requirements for either would be different as far as the vote. Bill noted that the history of the IHPCC's paying for roads that we already pay taxes for started with the idea that we would help the County pay for road improvements and maintenance, and that has stuck ever since. He doesn't believe we should pay twice to maintain the roads that are County roads. Peter noted he just feels we need to create the District to get the best roads possible. Art asked if there are other road fund communities in the county. Peter again noted if we use an Assessment all property owners can vote, as opposed to a Tax where only Polk County registered voters can vote. Discussion on what tax would cost, in view of maintenance needs. Peter noted Garry had created a spreadsheet with valuation of all properties in IHPCC. We could have an assessment based on valuations or a flat fee for all property. The IHPCC can vote to ask for a vote, but it can't create the District on its own. We would have to mail out a letter, ballot and signature page, and have 51% vote in favor. Bill noted those who voted against it would still be assessed the tax.

## **New Business.**

**Nominating Committee for Officers.** Peter noted he will not run for President again. He will continue to pursue the Road Fund and Restrictions as an IHPCC member, but not as President. Paulette said she will not run for Treasurer again. Peter said he feels the Board should be comprised of full time residents. Dale Ann said she would run for Treasurer. Linda Horton put a Committee together for the October meeting.

## **Motion to Adjourn.**

Garry made a motion to adjourn at 5:20, Dale Ann seconded. Motion carried and approved by unanimous approval.

Submitted by Secretary, Garry A. Japko  
July 13, 2018