

**Indian Hills Peninsula Civic Club
Minutes of Meeting of April 9, 2022**

President Jeff Pitts called the meeting to order at 4:07.

Approval of Minutes.

Attendees read the minutes of the meeting of January 8, 2022, presented by Secretary Garry Japko. Janet Hutcheson made a motion to accept the minutes, and Marie Cox seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

Garry then reported on the success of the second membership mailing of late February. Before that mailing, the Club had recorded 112 memberships for the year 2022. After the second mailing, the Club received 49 more memberships, bringing the total to 161.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Fred Richoux presented a copy of the report. The balance in the account as of the end of the first quarter of 2022 was \$5,900. He reported depositing \$12,265 during the quarter, mostly from membership dues. Some was also from the exercise class. After expenses during the quarter, the ending balance was \$15,015. Except for monies received from fund raising efforts, rentals of the building and late membership dues, that is pretty much what the Club has to work with for the remainder of the year.

Mary Jo Aymes asked why it didn't include monies from the Walk-A-Thon, and was reminded that was run by the Ladies Auxiliary, where the money is deposited.

Jeff mentioned the septic system had been inspected, and there were some issues that would have to be fixed, for a total of about \$400.

Linda Horton made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, and Marie seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval.

Ladies Auxiliary.

Diana Japko reported on the following activities.

- The next event will be the Easter Egg Hunt, this coming Saturday. She asked for help running that. Linda Horton will be in charge of it.
- Garage Sale. Diana asked for donations, again noting Jeff has volunteered to keep items for the sale in his storage building.
- Swimming in the lake. She noted there had been questions about the quality of the water. She checked with staff from the TRA, who told her the quality was fine for swimming, as well as fishing. She reported they did have information on their website about certain precautions regarding the lake. She had made handouts from it if anyone wanted one.
- Welcome new neighbor. Diana noted there was a new home across from the Civic Club. The owner is a State Trooper who has trained for duty on the border, and will likely be deployed there at some point. She asked that those in attendance today join her in a prayer for his safety.

Property Assessment Statements.

Bryan Wood addressed the meeting, noting everyone would be receiving their 2022 Assessment Statements this week. He said you'll note values going way up. He had heard some could increase by over 100 percent. Discussion followed. He offered his services in pulling comparables for the area if anyone wants to appeal their assessment. He discussed construction costs and the state of homes that might affect assessments.

Other Business.

Community Garden.

Art Horton discussed the work the committee, Art, Jeff, Garry and Jerry Ovelgonne, had done to prepare for the possibility of a community garden. The committee decided the best place to start one was the southeast corner of the site of the Civic Club building. It would allow eight beds to be put up. The garden would be open only to Civic Club members, charging \$75 for a year. Any monies received would be for the Civic Club. The gardens would be in raised beds, with a 2' easement.

One of the reasons this site was picked was because of the availability of water. We will have to see how this affects the Club's water bill, although it could be covered by the rental fees.

He noted Jerry had found some concrete cylinders we can use to mark the beds.

Michael Rowley asked if these gardens might affect the Club's liability.

Mary Jo suggested there should be some uniformity to the beds.

Michelle Torma asked if there would be some kind of agreement the renters would have to sign.

Art noted the committee would have to meet again to address these points, and report back at the next meeting.

Water Smell in the Civic Club Building.

Diana asked about the smell of the water in the building. Jeff noted it started last year when the water was off for a week last year. He suggested having a plumber look at the water heater, to see if it might have to be replaced.

Adjourn.

Michael made a motion to adjourn, and Garry seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 4:50.

Submitted by Secretary, Garry A. Japko
April 26, 2022