

**Indian Fields Homes Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 18, 2017**

Members Present:

Nancy Weeks
Cindy Worthy
Marti Levy
Greg Shondell

Kathy Guignon
Sam Lind
Guest- Bill Malouche

The meeting was called to order at 7:15, there was a quorum. The minutes from the January 17th meeting were approved as was the agenda.

Finance

Cindy Worthy reviewed the financials for March 31, 2017. Marti moved to approve financials, Greg seconded the motion.

Landscape Maintenance

Marti introduced Bill Malouche, our liaison to Raintree Lawn and Irrigation. Bill is a horticulturalist. Bill reviewed the history of the islands and maintenance. Bill proposed replanting two islands that are problem planted; there was discussion about the recommendations. Marti motioned that we proceed with the recommendation to improve islands on Homestead Drive and 65th. Sam seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The board discussed the Homestead Circle Island; we want to have a kid friendly and maintenance proof landscaping. There would be nothing of height on the island to safeguard children. Marti will get the Circle residents and Bill Malouche together to discuss the landscaping. The board would like to have the trees removed as soon as possible because the trees are a liability, prior to the Annual Block Party.

Bill discussed the sprinklers on the islands. There are two islands that are sprinkled. The sprinklers are problematic, they break and cause a lot of maintenance issues and very high water bills when we have leaking. Bill recommends removing turf and then planting the islands with drought tolerant beds, not sprinkling the beds. The board doesn't see a need to sprinkle additional islands.

2017 is the 30th Anniversary of the Forth of July Parade. The people who plan annually would like to make a banner and have people bring old photos from the parade. The organizers would like \$100 to sponsor the event. Greg motioned to approve the expenditure, Nancy seconded donating \$100. The motion passed. Marti will speak to the organizers about securing funding.

ByLaws

Marti has made additional changes to the bylaws. The lawyer has approved the changes. The bylaws need to be sent to all residents and voted on at the annual meeting.

Equitable Dues

The original declaration for the Homes Association called for dues to be based on frontage square footage of property. The lawyer says to get equitable dues we need to make notice to all homeowners that there is an intended change and secure 100% approval of homeowners. The change would have to go in front of a judge to change. The question was asked how large the administrative impact would be in securing the change and the financial impact relatively small that the board does not think it is worth pursuing. Due to the legal expense and time needed the board does not feel this issue is worth pursuing. As dues stand, there are 237 homes in the association; dues would be an average of \$89 per household compared to a range of \$69 to \$119 that they are currently. Marti motioned not to pursue the change in dues, Greg seconded the motion. Passed.

Budget

The proposed budget was discussed. Marti asked to add an expenditure for newsletters. The board agreed. Greg moved to approve the modified budget, Marti seconded. The board approved. The modified budget will be resent to all board members.

May Newsletter

A mailing will go to all residents updating them on the activities for the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Picnic/Annual Meeting will be scheduled for September 17th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Worthy
Secretary/Treasurer