

Idlewild Neighborhood Association Meeting – June 1, 2016

The meeting was held at the Gull Lake Country Club.

Ron Kilgore (President) called the meeting to order.

Mark Disney (Secretary) read the Minutes of the 6/17/15 Meeting which were accepted by motion, second and vote.

Martha Reid (Treasurer) gave the Financial Report which was accepted by motion, second and vote.

Ron Kilgore noted that Jeff Price had decided to retire from the Board after many years of service. After thanking Jeff for his service Ron indicated that the other current Board Members had indicated their willingness to continue serving. After asking if anyone else wanted to be considered it was moved, seconded and agreed by vote that the remaining officers and members, listed below, be reelected.

President – Ron Kilgore
Vice President – Jim Woodruff
Treasurer – Martha Reid
Secretary – Mark Disney
Member – Paul Dykstra
Member – Ross Hughes
Member – Michelle Tracy

Ron mentioned that Claire English had passed away and the Hoorns had moved away since the last meeting.

Ron welcomed John and Theresa Carr who had moved into Idlewild since the last meeting.

Fred Buckley spoke to the group about the Gull Lake Association which maintains the dam at the outflow from Gull Lake and how important its maintenance is for the enjoyment of Gull Lake and for property values for those on the lake. Fred encouraged all Idlewild neighbors to join and support the Gull Lake Association.

Sam Sefton mentioned the issue of FEMA flood plain definition and flood insurance.

Chris Tracey informed the group that the owners of the former Gilmore Farm had applied for a permit to extract minerals from that property. He said it would be a much smaller operation than the one that was defeated some years ago. He has information he can forward upon request to those interested. He also mentioned that the next phase of the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail will extend it from Augusta to the bay at Gull Lake.

Ron reviewed the current initiatives that The Association is pursuing. They include:

1. The neighborhood garbage/recycling/yard waste program.
2. Landscaping (flowers) and maintenance for Memorial Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
3. The fall dumpster which will again be on Buckley's back property Labor Day weekend.
4. The Association's website (idlewild-association.org) being maintained by Eric and Martha Reid.

Ron reviewed the Board's neighborhood sign plans that had been emailed to the neighbors prior to the meeting. There was some discussion of the various preferences of those in the room including keeping last names or going to first and last names. After this discussion it was moved that the Board's recommendation of installing signs providing directional guidance (arrows) to ranges of street numbers, without personal names, be tried for the next year. This motion was seconded and adopted by a vote of 19 to 14 (count of hands).

Tim Lewis mentioned that there is a fund raiser for new signs/banners for the Richland 4th of July parade. Neighbors wishing to contribute can contact Tim.

Several people voiced concern regarding the condition of the neighborhood's roads, particularly after the very heavy equipment and loads that have been going to the various construction sites. Martha Reid said that she is in touch with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission, that the commission had taken "before" pictures of the roads, and that neighbors can forward any specific concerns to her and she will discuss them with the commission.

Ron thanked Martha Reid for making the arrangements for the dinner and Michelle Tracy for arranging for the floral centerpieces.

Ron adjourned the meeting.

Mark Disney
Secretary