

Idlewild Neighborhood Association Meeting – June 18, 2014

The meeting was held at the Gull Lake Country Club.

Fred Buckley (President) called the meeting to order and introduced the Board of Directors.

Mark Disney (Secretary) read the Minutes of the 6/20/13 Meeting which were accepted by motion, second and vote.

Fred reported that this evening's attendance tied the record at 52 people.

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

Martha also gave an update on her efforts to ensure that The Association maintains its tax free status as a social welfare organization. After more than a year of correspondence and submittals The Association's tax exempt status was finally confirmed just a couple of weeks before the meeting. All in attendance expressed their appreciation for her diligence and perseverance in getting this done.

Fred Buckley reviewed the current programs that The Association is pursuing. They include:

1. The Association's website (idlewild-association.org) is being maintained by Eric and Martha Reid.
2. New plantings were bought in memory of Mary Martin by Dr. Charles Ryan.
3. The possibility of a neighborhood garage sale the weekend before the neighborhood dumpster (Labor Day weekend) was discussed. There was considerable interest based on the discussion and a show of hands.
4. The 20-foot Promenade along the water the length Idlewild and the challenges to keeping it open were discussed.

Martha opened a discussion of the concerns of Judy Croasdale and the Elenbaas family regarding the number of cars getting to the north end of Idlewild and turning around or continuing through on the Elenbaas private drive. Martha noted that part of the problem is Google Maps showing the private drive at the north end of Idlewild as a through street. She has submitted information to Google Maps to get that corrected. "No Outlet" and speed limit signs were also discussed. Kalamazoo County Road Commission (KCRC) is going to review the signs.

Fred introduced two new Idlewild residents; Karen and Mike Fisher and Ross Hughes.

A general discussion was held regarding the difficulties year-round residents had with inadequate snow removal this past winter. Major contributing factors included the unusually snowy and long winter, KCRC contracting Idlewild neighborhood snow removal to Stap Brothers, Stap Brothers being unable to clear the streets on a given day under that contract unless directed to do so by KCRC, and Stap Brothers' equipment being too small to move the snow banks back as the winter progressed. Mark Disney will represent the neighborhood to KCRC before and during next winter and maintain a dialogue in an attempt to improve the situation.

Nominations were accepted for The Board of Directors and Officer Positions. By motion, second and vote the following were elected as Officers and Members of The Board of Directors.

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

Ron Kilgore thanked Joan Murray for the evening's floral centerpieces and for her many years of service to The Association as Board President and Member. He also thanked Fred Buckley for his service as Board President.

Ron Kilgore adjourned the meeting.

Mark Disney
Secretary