

Idlewild Neighborhood Association Meeting – June 17, 2015

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 6/18/14 Meeting which were accepted by motion, second and vote.

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

A neighbor asked why the neighborhood directory signs no longer show first names. Some discussion followed. That change took place when the new signs were ordered and installed several years ago. Mark Disney updates the directory signs. He will determine if there is room to redo the nameplates with first names and report back to the Board.

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 – Ross Hughes
Member – Jeff Price
Member – Michelle Tracy

Ron mentioned neighbors who had passed-on since the last meeting including Bucky Boudeman, Sue Clark, Ginny Freas and Ted Hartridge.

Ron welcomed new neighbors who had moved into Idlewild since the last meeting including Corrie and Mike Costello, Jane and Gerald Feldman, Kristin and Jim Nolin, Martha Nolin and Peter Nolin.

Ron reported that a plaque of appreciation was being given to Joan and Owen Murray, who are in the process of selling their house and moving away from Idlewild, for their many years of friendship and service to the neighborhood association.

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.

There was some discussion regarding FEMA and whether flood insurance is required for property owners on Gull Lake. Tom Noal stated from their experience that property owners can commission a private survey of their property to establish that it is not in the flood plain, and that there are several local survey firms capable of providing that service.

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

1. The neighborhood garbage/recycling/yard waste program.
2. Maintaining and updating the neighborhood directory signs.
3. Landscaping (flowers) and maintenance around the neighborhood directory signs.
4. The fall dumpster which will again be on Buckley's back property this year.
5. The Association's website (idlewild-association.org) being maintained by Eric and Martha Reid.

Lenore Elsener mentioned traffic safety, particularly as it relates to small children and our narrow roads with very limited sight lines. She urged all neighbors to drive slowly and to also urge their young drivers and visitors to drive slowly, as well. Attendees expressed general agreement.

Chris Tracy spoke briefly about the Gull Lake Quality Organization.

1. Idlewild neighbor David Halley is on their Board of Directors.
2. They have a partnership with the MSU Kellogg Biological Station (MSU-KBS).
3. They monitor invasive species, one of which, starry stormwort, has been found in Gull Lake.
4. There is a boat washing program at the Prairieville public access to help minimize the introduction of invasive species.
5. They meet regularly at MSU-KBS.

Ron thanked Michelle Tracy for preparing the evening's floral centerpieces.

Ron adjourned the meeting.

Mark Disney
Secretary