**MINUTES**

**Inverness Ridge Association Board Meeting**

**July 8, 2023**

Present: Sydne Bortel, Joe Burgess, Ken Drexler (for the Road Repaving Task Force), Chris Eckert, Leah Light, Julie Liss, Julie Merk, Michael Ongerth, Tim Stanton, Christian Winslow

Absent: Jim Wagner, David Wilson, Patty Wimpfheimer

Minutes: Leah Light

The minutes of the IRA Board Meeting of May 13, 2023 were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Patty Wimpfheimer

Our previous balance was $28,474.14. Income since the previous report includes $4.42 in interest and dues payments from several sources totaling $800.00. The current balance is $14,278.56. This balance reflects transfer of $15,000.00 (a gift designated for the road repaving project) to the county into the repaving fund.

Announcements: Christian Winslow

Christian reported that he and Patty Wimpfheimer have been working on the IRA website to make it more user friendly with information about coming events and emergency preparedness presented in an accessible manner.

Road Paving Task Force: Ken Drexler

Bids are due on July 13 and will be opened at 2:00 p.m. We will then be able to determine the final scope of repaving work to be done, assuming that we have a bid commensurate with our budget from a bidder acceptable to the county. We have already collected $153,000 in taxes that we will not need to borrow. Work should begin on repaving within 30 days of bid acceptance.

PRERAB: Michael Ongerth

Two projects are in the works. One project will remove downed trees and repair potholes. The other involves weed-whacking flashy fuels along the roads. Some delays in getting these projects underway have occurred because of complications in budgeting and contract approval at the county level.

Emergency Preparedness Committee: ChristianWinslow

The PRE Siren was approved for reactivation and will be conducted by the Neighborhood Leads on the last Saturday of each month at 10:00 am.  NLs will also test ability to hear the siren on our side roads. Chris Eckert and Christian Winslow will engage neighborhood leads on a regular basis on radio training. Chris and Christian have done two radio training sessions with neighborhood leads to keep them up to date; these sessions have involved practicing responses to hypothetical scenarios to hone communication skills. Radios will only be used only when cell service is unavailable. One issue has been quality of radio reception. A series of evacuation drills in September is contemplated.

Firesafe Committee: David Wilson (email report)

On the Firewise front, the biggest news is the annual defensible space inspection results, which should have been received by everyone.  They are tighter than before and require specific responses to issues raised.  These are divided into mandatory and simply recommended measures.  A grant program is described for hardening expenses (up to $1,000 per household per year).  
  
We’ve now had two MWPA chipper days, with three more scheduled (weeks of 8/14, 9/18, and 10/23).   Registration is on-line and easy.  Rules are clearly set out (piles on or within 5’ of the roadside, maximum dimensions 4’x4’x20’, piles stacked with cut ends out, facing the road).  No sacks or other extraneous material are permitted.  It’s easy to Google all of this at [https://www.chipperday.com](https://www.chipperday.com/) No additional chipper days are needed.

Tim Stanton reported that some residents have lost home insurance and have had to use the high-risk pool. Because we are a Firewise community, discounts may be available.

PRE Community Gathering on July 15

To date, 30 people have sent RSVP acceptances. Christian and Julie or Randy Merk will pick up audiovisual equipment from the Dance Palace. Barbara Jay has recommended that the event take place on her capacious deck. Bob Lundstrom will collect and deliver chairs to Barbara’s home. Chris Eckert will supervise parking. Joe Burgess will bring drinks and big tubs for ice. Sandwiches and kale salad will be catered and Patty Wimpfheimer will bring lasagna; many attendees will bring desserts. Sydne has serving supplies. Christian will pick up coffee and is donating graphics costs. We have received a generous anonymous gift of $450 to help defray costs of the event.

The agenda will focus on the road repaving project; we hope to have information about the successful bidder and scope of work but not a firm start date for the project. Dennis Rodoni has been invited and will speak at the event. The Emergency Preparedness Committee will also have brief updates. A box for questions to be answered at a later time will be provided.

Board members will help with cleaning up after the event.

DVD Sign at Bottom of Drake’s View Drive: Tim Stanton

Little interest was evinced in placing a big sign at the bottom of the hill. However, discussion of this item was tabled until the next meeting.

Next Meeting

September 9, 2023 at the Light household, 45 Drake’s View Drive