

**Inverness Ridge Association Board Meeting  
December 18, 2018  
at the home of Sydne and Allan Bortel  
1 Lower Dover**

Present: Sydne Bortel, David Wilson, Leah Light, Mike Ongerth, Bill Tichy, Ron Bennett, Jennifer Howard, Tim Stanton, Julie Merk

Absent: Helen Chapman, Kay McMahon, Myn Adess

Meeting called to order 9:45.

**Approval of September and November meeting minutes:** Ron moved, Mike seconded, approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Helen Chapman absent for this meeting, so no report.

**Announcements/Updates:**

- **NMWD tank replacement (Howard):** Water tank replacement project, thought to be ready to move ahead, has been stalled due to recent objections by the Youngs, owners of property adjacent to the proposed new tank. They feel views would be impinged and would like the new concrete tank height reduced. The County Planning Commission has agreed to this. After long discussion, the Board voted unanimously to have Tim send a letter to Supervisor Rodoni to support NMWD's appeal to the Board that the project should go ahead as planned by NMWD. Sydne, Tim, and Jennifer will attend the hearing at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors.
- **Road Repaving (Ongerth):** Mike recently spoke to Irv Schwartz of ILS Associates, the civil engineering firm working on the road paving project. Irv has been on vacation but promises to add text to the map being developed for the paving project. Mike is hoping for the map to be finished before the annual meeting.
- **PRERAB Update (Ongerth):** In the last few months, potholed sections of paved road on DVD, Baywood Place, and East Robert were patched by Lunny Paving at a cost of \$34,000, the most expensive patching project ever, reflecting the continued deterioration of sections of paved road. Potholes on paved roads have been patched every year but one for the past five years. Additionally, repair work was done on the Douglas Drive slide from last March to shift the center of the road toward the side of the hill. Hay bales have been placed at the edge of the drop-off and reflective markers added. Further out Douglas, a small earth berm was added at a spot where the drop-off is very steep. Some grading was done, but gullying still a problem. One waterbar was added on Douglas; three were added on Sunnyside. Vegetation management is the next project. Fire Battalion Chief Christie Neill has recommended greater side and height clearance on PRE roads. Trees are marked for removal. A letter received from

Chief Neill will now override a resident's ability to opt-out of recommended vegetation removal.

- Fire Task Force Update (Wilson): David has also worked with Christie Neill as he continues developing a plan to attain Firewise Community status for PRE. Christie's main recommendations: 1) understanding evacuation route info and 2) individual home defensive space. Christie has also sent letters about clearing brush and dead trees to vacant lot owners. David says the next step on the application to attain Firewise recognition is a board commitment to Firewise USA. A motion was made that the IRA Board accept the responsibilities of: 1) Sponsoring a Firewise board; 2) Completing a hazard assessment and action plan; 3) Committing to investing \$24.14 per household annually; 4) Sponsoring a Firewise USA community event once per year, and 5) Documenting these actions to Firewise USA. Moved by Mike, seconded by Ron, approved.
- Trail Clearing Project (Bortel): The October 20 trail clearing project was a very successful, very strenuous event. Some new people attended. The Park would like to do an event twice annually. Tim says there is support for a spring event.

#### **Old Business:**

- Annual meeting focus and planning (Stanton): Venue- Home of Barbara Jay, 100 Douglas Drive; Tim Stanton to emcee.
- Date/Time: Saturday, January 19, 2019. Meeting to begin 10 a.m.; break for lunch 12:15 or 12:30
- Agenda/Planning Priorities: 1) Fire Prevention/Firewise Board (David); 2) Road Improvement/Repaving Task Force Progress Report (Ken Drexler); 3) Water Tank; 4) Chipping Program
- Information to Distribute: 1) David- two fire-related documents; 2) Julie- chipping program information sheet
- Food/Hospitality - Sydne and Leah; use disposables, compostables; Pellegrino water
- Chairs - Sydne to check with Dance Palace
- Parking- Ron
- Publicity - Tim

Meeting adjourned: 11:55

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Merk, Substitute Secretary