**SOUTHWESTERN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD MEETING MAY 15, 2023**

The board meeting held at Wakonda Christian Church was called to order by President George Davis at 6:06 pm on Monday, May 15, 2023. Board members present were George Davis, Penny Harrison, Jon Shelness, Joe Harrison, Ginny Renda, Pete Conrad, Steve Utterson and Nick VanPatten.

April 17, 2023, Board minutes were approved as written.

April 27, 2023, General Meeting minutes were approved as written.

The Financial Report of May 12, 2023, summited by Heather Carman was explained and approved.

**EMAIL FROM NEIGHBOR ON WILLOWMERE DRIVE**

A neighbor next to the Oaks Project is located on Willowmere and Fleur Drive wrote an email to the developer Adam Sieren with concern that the Oaks property is not being maintained. The email mentioned that weeds were out of control and rain water and mud were streaming down Willowmere Drive. The Board supports the email and hopes the developer will address these concerns as soon as possible.

**DISCUSSION OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

There were over 90 neighbors at the General Meeting. The Board complimented President Davis for an organizing the agenda and conducting the General Meeting. City Officials gave neighbors ample opportunity to ask questions and have input. City officials included Parks and Recreation personnel, Police personnel, City manager, Polk County Supervisor and City Council members. Officials stayed beyond the meeting addressing personal concerns.

**MEMBERSHIP**

There were several people who paid their 2023 association dues at the General Meeting. During the months of April and May $625 were collected. Previous members that have not paid their 2023 dues will be sent a reminder email.

**NEIGHBORS NIGHT OUT**

August 1, 2023 is the date “Neighbors Night Out” will be held. Board members will contact Wakonda Christian Church, police, and fire department representatives, along with city officials. Ginny Renda will contact Hy-Vee about catering for the picnic. “Neighbors Night Out” will be discussed at the June board meeting. More details will follow.

**OTHER CONCERNS**

No Mow May is a city-sponsored program that might be good for some insects but not for the looks of the neighborhood. Can adjustments be made?

Some board members commented that people were making good use of the sidewalks that have been installed on Fleur Drive.

Constant street potholes and poor street conditions continue to be a problem in the neighborhood. Many neighbors have reached out to city personnel about this problem.

The meeting concluded at 7:20 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2023

Minutes submitted by Ginny Renda – Secretary of SWHNA