

Iles Park Neighborhood Association  
Neighborhood Minutes March 15, 2021  
Via Zoom  
11 attendees



**Treasurer's Report**

- Balance \$2,853.31
  - Income \$10; expenses \$75

**Michelle Coffin, President**

- **Business Update**
  - Baily Family Insurance has moved to 6<sup>th</sup> St South of Hanson
  - BBQ / Ice Cream – new place on 5<sup>th</sup> St where Ghallager's burned down – coming this summer?
- **Meeting location**
  - Hanson open to hosting our meetings when pandemic mitigations are lifted
  - Meet in the park when warmer
- **Coupon Books** are for sale.
- **Dues**
  - If you can, please pay your dues; if not, that's OK.
  - Send to Carol Kneedler, 2016 S 4<sup>th</sup> St, Springfield, IL 62703.
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- **Signs**
  - IPNA Signs - remove landscaping; just have grass around them.
- **Facebook** –group – updates posted there.
- **Contests**
  - Pet photos
  - Keeping up IPNA signs
  - Landscaping updates
- **Iles Park Project** – schedule:
  - 1. Playground done end March, weather permitting
  - 2. Walking path
  - 3. Fence ballpark
  - 4. Skate Park – this will be in the area where gravel is currenty.
  - Have requested more pick up after dog signs and parallel parking only signs.
  - Can we get dog waste bags & dispenser? A dog drinking fountain?
  - Addressing the old foundation on the N side of the park is a future consideration. Perhaps partnership with Operating Engineers & Park District?
  - Security lights for pickleball court – Jack Handy is President of Pickleball Club
  - Graffiti in park
    - Electrical box has been painted over
    - “Die” inside pavilion
- **Problem Properties**

- 1704 S 7<sup>th</sup> - possible cat sanctuary / neighborhood garden
- 2022 S 4<sup>th</sup> owned by Heartland Credit Union – cleaned up somewhat; still falling down.
- Ash & 4<sup>th</sup> small red house next to alley – slowly being remodeled; poor quality work. City is giving property owners a lot of leeway due to COVID.
- 1823 S 8<sup>th</sup> – tall narrow blue house – garage broken into
- **Crime**
  - Help each other out; watch out for each other

**Kristin DiCenso, Ward 6 Alderwoman**

- **Yard Waste**
  - Picked up in South zone every other week; have bags at curb Monday morning.
  - Issues? Email [republicYW@RepublicServices.com](mailto:republicYW@RepublicServices.com)
- **Branch Pickup** – to be scheduled soon; hoping for 3 pickups
- **Garbage**
  - **Trash Pickup Ward 6** - May 1
  - **Fly dumping** is bad everywhere
    - Tire in park; 8<sup>th</sup> St on Park property – mattress & trees over sidewalk
  - **Hazardous Waste drop-off** – in the fall
- **Street Sweeping**
  - Have repeatedly requested schedule to be posted w/o success so residents can get cars off street.
- **Railroad Project**
  - Rail virtual public meeting March 25
- **Local elections April 6** – Park Board, SMEAA and District 186 School Board.

**Pat Murphy, Park District Police Chief**

- Wanted to attend, but there were technical issues with the Zoom link.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Kneedler, Secretary