

# Tonto Hills Improvement Association

President: Ralph Spurgin  
Vice President: Cheryl Kaufman  
Treasurer: Dick Mocny  
Secretary: Jacki Hoagland

## 2016 Annual General Meeting – Minutes

Time: March 23, 2016, 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Christ the Lord Lutheran Church  
9205 E Cave Creek Road  
Carefree, Arizona 85377

### Introductions – Ralph Spurgin

- Members present: Jacki Hoagland, Cheryl Kaufman, Dick Mocny, Rick Nelson, Keith Peirce, Steve Rensel, Ralph Spurgin, Bill Victor
- Members absent: Rick Pearson

### Opening Comments – Ralph Spurgin

- Ralph thanked two long-time DWID board members for service: Lou Fredericks and Bob Swan
- Ralph expressed the community's appreciation for board and ACC members' service and their accomplishments

### Final Call for Ballots – Carefree Executive Services

### Approval of March 25, 2015 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve: Steve Rensel. Seconded: Tom Markusen. Motion passed.

### Treasury Report – Dick Mocny

- 2015–2016 THIA Financial Summary
- 2016–2017 Draft THIA Budget (information only)
- Ralph reviewed budget. Discussed Fire Department donation and need for an increase in order to keep the fire department running. Ralph recommended three-year financial plan including annual landscape upgrade budget. Recommended consideration of future dues increase.
- Rick Erslund requested Fire Department budget and financials to be available to community.

### Reports

#### ACC:

- Please report if you see anyone moving dirt; Deer Trail property currently under review
- Approved 3 new home starts, commercial structure, patio addition
- 3 homes purchased
- Several lots transferred ownership
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#### THVFD:

- Several start-up fires reported on Blue Wash
- 13 fire fighters currently volunteering
- Monthly drills scheduled; more frequently in summer
- Performing drills with U.S. Forrest Service
- All members are CPR certified with defibrillator training
- Six members scheduled to attend fire school in 2016

## **Environmental – Rick Nelson**

### Deer Trail paving project

- Design and cost analysis almost completed. May approval. August bids. Work to begin in fall 2016.
- Paving design to include straightening road, cut to remove hills, fill to remove dips, route around residential landscapes
- County agreed to conduct a community meeting prior to work beginning
- Committed to paving all dirt roads in Maricopa County. Suggested Tonto Hills will have paved roads by 2020. Paving includes cul-de-sacs.
- Dust palliative – new, cheaper, more effective application. Suggested next board contact them to request application.
- 15 MPH speed limit signs will be removed but will not post 25 mph speed signs
- County cannot install speed bumps.
- Need to make formal request for warning signs with speed suggestions (yellow signs) and sign for commercial traffic to enter at Old Mine Road

### Suggestion for riding trails

- Charlie and Rick spoke to contractor; cost would be astronomical
- Possibility to blade extra 5 feet of right of way for walking riding paths
- Talk to Parks and Recs for funds for trails
- Maricopa Trail terminates at Spur Cross
- Could be interested in tying into Desert Mountain trails

### Dog waste station placed at Old Mine and Blue Wash Roads

- Moderately effective
- Suggested additional installations at intersections

### Aircraft noise

- Sent letter to Scottsdale airport; met with airport director
- FAA recently changed approach points for general aviation going to Chandler or Sky Harbor.
- FAA domain – sent letter to regional director in Los Angeles. Response expected once the Phoenix lawsuit is resolved.
- Possible changes in the flight routing.
- FAA claimed most noise is aircraft training and private plans out of Sky Ranch and Mesa.

## **Old and New Business**

Election count: 97 ballots cast

- All board members on ballot were elected to new board. New board members: Diana Cole, Jacki Hoagland, Eric Hovland, Cheryl Kaufman, Mark LaLiberte, Dick Mocny, Linda Rawles, Steven Rensel, Nick Tilley
- 51 Yes votes to spend \$25,000 on front entrance (passed)

THIA Communication – Meeting notices, agendas and minutes distributed via mailbox postings, email to residences who provided valid email addresses, and THIA website postings

Declaration of Restrictions (DOR) update (hillside development)

- Rick Nelson explained old county guidelines for construction, new guidelines and proposed wording for DOR change; and discussion regarding petition process.

Dumpsters for yard waste update

- Began on March 1, 2016
- Four replacements to date
- Budgeted for 7 through approximately first week of April

## **Membership Forum**

- Tom Markus – Light at front entrance high
- Mary Pearson – Blue Wash sign broken
- Rick Nelson – Other signs in Tonto Hills are weathered and/or need repair
- Sammy Brandt – questioned property ownership
- Linda Rawles – Raven’s View inspections scheduled this week. Hoping to open early April.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

Diana Cole Approved 3/22/2017  
Jacki Hoagland, Secretary