# 2021 ILPOA Board Candidates Questionnaire

## Personal Background & Community Involvement:

• What skills/work history do you have that would be beneficial to the ILPOA Board and community?

Retired law enforcement official of 31 years. Served seven years on ILPOA board, 2 years as president.

Have you been or are currently a member of any ILPOA committees or clubs?

Served on both road committees in an attempt to secure an acceptable and practical solution to our financial issue and still rebuild our roads.

Given that communication is often difficult in a community this size, how would you get more people invomaking IHL better?

My view is that communication between the board & residents has dramatically increased in recent years and will continue to increase.

### **Problems Facing ILPOA:**

#### Overall:

What would you say are the top five problems that need to be addressed by the Board and why?

Not necessarily in order as I believe the majority should rule: roads, lake, security, nuisance properties, & what I believe are serious voting issues as to who can vote & under what circumstances.

### Infrastructure:

Do you believe the community has infrastructure issues? Please explain.

We were once advised that communities such as ours have, for a variety of reasons, a 50 +year life span. A look at our infrastructure and the BUR qualifies that statement.

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Do you support a long-term assessment to address the condition of roads in the community?

At one point in time, we were advised by counsel that private lake communities such as ours have, for a variety of reasons, a +\_ 50 year life span. An examination of our infrastructure & the restrictive BUR would seem to qualify that statement. We need to work to change that. Serving on the road committees convinced me that the only way we will ever be able to enjoy good roads IS via assessment.

#### **Budget Funding:**

• What do you think a fair amount is for annual dues in the community?

Many people are aware of the fact that our yearly dues are equivalent to what many communities such as ours pay monthly. What's holding us back is again, the BUR.

 What ways do you believe the BOD or ILPOA could raise money for major expenses (i.e. lake, roads/maintenance, maintenance equipment, community improvements, etc)

Over the years, there have been inquiries as to the possibilities of grants with no success for funding the roads, however because of the lake having technical public access, looking at possible grants through the conservation department or similar sources may provide some help.

 Do you support a change to the voting requirements of the Warranty Deed to address annual dues requirements (67% of all lot owners)? If yes, what do you think the voting requirement should be?

I have long been an advocate of challenging the BUR in court even though I'm told consul has advised against it. I believe presenting a new set of regulations, not just asking to eliminate the current BUR may increase our chances of success. I believe our voting system here should be revisited across the board looking at members who have houses here vs lot only owners.

#### **Nuisance Properties:**

• How do you think we should deal with the extreme nature of nuisance properties?

In the past we have gone to court and obtained a cease and desist order. We might use the services of Crawford County Department of Health. We could suspend the privileges of the property owners. We might also look at adding a paragraph to maintaining the appearance of outside property with in the ILPOA application for new owners

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#### Speeding:

• What is your solution to address the excessive speeding throughout the community?

The board needs to increase, properly equip & educate our security patrol, secure the ability to fine member violators, AND the resolve to ban non resident repeat violators from entering, As is most issues such as this, complaints are numerous and valid, garnering support will be a different matter.

#### Other Thoughts:

• Other thoughts: leave this section for the candidate to state anything on their mind that was not on the questionnaire.

I believe health & welfare (people) issues, one of which is described above, has for too long taken a back seat to "thing" issues. We had started a safety program by training our patrol personnel in basic first aid, then took donations for the purchase of an AED, (Automatic Emergency Defibrillator) such as seen in restaurants, airports & other public places. Our security personnel were then trained on the use of the device (although not required by law). The concept was that security is often first on the scene in the event of an ambulance call involving cardiac arrest & could administer aid when warranted, possibly saving a life. This policy was negated by the following board.