



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA

Iowa District, Zone 3, Club Number 40-109

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**NEWSLETTER**

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### Mike Holton, City Manager, Speaker

Mike Holton, City Manager, brought the Treynor Optimists up to date since he last spoke in April.



Mike stated Pott Co. housing studies indicate Treynor is the fastest growing city percentage wise in the county, followed by Underwood. Since he started March 2, 2019, there have been 16 housing permits in Stephens Ridge and three more applications have just come in. The 29 lots are being sold more rapidly than the developers had thought.

In the last 10-15 years, the population of Treynor has held at 900-950 people. In 2020 it was 1000. In planning for the next 10-15-20-40 years, the population is projected to possibly be 1400-2800. Population not only impacts infrastructure and housing, but churches, school, and businesses.

Holton and the town council have the task of anticipating the growth so that infrastructure (water, sewer, electricity, and internet) can meet the need. An engineering firm is helping plan the future land use with three concepts at this time. One is designed with topography in mind, one with land grids in mind for easiest emergency vehicle access, and one is a combination. All plans depend as well on land availability.

Each plan is designed in phases with all three concepts showing Phase 1 having future development north and east of Stephens Ridge.

Holton said to check City of Treynor on Facebook to view the three conceptual maps more closely. Holton invited Optimists to respond this coming week and invites all community members to respond with their thoughts.

In Stephens Ridge, the average size of the families is 2.7, and he anticipates that could grow to 3 – 3.5 in the future. Most housing there is for single family residents and in this current environment \$250,000 is the average price range. The average lot price there is \$45,000.

He said what is unusual is that many Treynor families have purchased new homes in this development, thus making their existing homes available and those have sold in hours.

Other topics discussed were home owners associations, other housing concepts, lot sizes in Treynor, covenants, tax liability, and street plans.

The most urgent city need is a lagoon system for the immediate plan of 1400 people and DNR requires completion by 2022. The other big issue is internet availability, which was very lacking when he became city manager. Holton indicated he is hopeful that Western Iowa Network (Denison) will have it available to all in 6 mos.

Next week's speaker is Lisa Fox, Fox Creek Fundraising.

### Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell, Vice President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Present were sixteen members (including 1 virtually) plus two guests, Michael Holton and Doug Wehring.

Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the opening prayer.

Gary Guttau and Chad Guttau provided humor. Jerry Hempel won the 50/50 drawing and Keith Denton won the attendance drawing.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** None

**Can Kennel:** Gary Guttau gave a can sorting report. Kudos to Gary for keeping track of all this! Gary Guttau, John Klein, Gary Funkhouser, Bill Vorthmann, and Kirk Vorthmann helped with sorting on Wednesday.

**Business:** Reminder: The Jr. Optimists postponed the "Souper Bowl" drive in Treynor due to weather today and it will be held on Feb. 13. The food items will be contributed to the Treynor Food Bank. Optimists are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to the meeting next Saturday.



**Gary Guttau (L), Jordan Campbell (R)**

Can Kennel checks were presented to Jordan Campbell on behalf of Impact Youth and Zion Youth Group. He talked about how the money would be used. He stated that COVID has impacted the number of youth attending Impact. Grants and stipends have helped them to meet their budget. Because more parents will probably continue working from home, the attendance in the future will no doubt increase slowly.

**Bragging Rights:** (\$ to fund youth activities)

Gary Guttau bragged on the Treynor BB teams vs Tri-Center. The boys lost in overtime at the buzzer. (Gary mentioned that Nelson had half Treynor blood! 😊) Doug Wehring bragged on Rebecca Rath playing in Nebraska Volleyball.

The meeting was closed with the Optimist Creed.

## HUMOR

How seasons work in the Midwest:

Jan - Cold

Feb - Bitterly Cold

Mar - Potholes from hell

Apr - Cold with Rain

May - 🌧️

Jun - Mosquitoes

Jul - instant sweat

Aug - Surface of the sun

Sep - Tiny Black Bugs

Oct - Bonfires

Nov - Winter Preview

Dec - Cold, with decorations

## Calendar

Feb. 13 JOI Club "Souper Bowl" Fund Drive: 10 AM - Noon

Feb. 17 Can Kennel Sorting

## Birthdays

## Anniversaries

## Programs

February Gary Funkhouser

March Chad Guttau

April Phil Waggoner (first two)  
Matt Saar (last two)

## Speakers

Feb. 13 Lisa Fox, Fox Creek Fundraising

Feb. 20 TBA

Feb. 27 Mark Hopkins, Treynor Superintendent

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