

ODWNA Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Place: Winchell Elementary Library

Board Members:

Present: Peter Kushner, President; Diana Morton-Thompson, Treasurer; Tom Kayser, Becky Mutsaers, Barb Ross, Kathy Shook

Absent: Chris Shook, Sandy Bolstad



I. **Call to Order:** Peter Kushner, 7:00 PM

II. **Secretary's report:** Secretary absent

III. **Treasurer's Report:**

Income:	
Business website/E-News (Greenleaf Realty)	\$200.00
Expenses:	
Garage sale signs (10 double-sided/4 color print)	(\$127.76)
Garage sale ad in Gazette (Sun., Tues. and Thurs.)	(\$ 25.00)
Current Balance:	<u>\$1125.00</u>

IV. **Old Business**

- Neighborhood garage sale will be held on April 26
- 10 garage sale signs have been purchased

V. **New Business:**

- May 1 - city brush collection starts
- Saturday May 17 - Asylum Lake celebration on Drake Road from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Notes from the Guest Speaker:

Guest Speaker: Sean Fletcher, Managing Director of Kalamazoo Parks and Recreation

Topic: Programs for Kids (and Parents)

Parks and Recreation is composed of 75-80 seasonal staff and 11 permanent staff. There are also Volunteer clean-up teams. There are volunteer clean-up days in May and October.

Park activities for the current two year period are largely based on the results of a community Survey. 507 completed survey forms were returned. This is considered statistically significant.

Affordable sports training is offered for children in several parks. Additional youth programs and summer camps are offered.

For information regarding all activities in parks call #337-8191.

To find concert schedule for parks contact the Kalamazoo Arts Council.

Woods Lake Beach will have some improvements including a new covered shelter and Improvements to the road leading to the beach, as a result, **the park will be closed this summer.**

Kalamazoo Parks and Recreation has received a 5 year accreditation. This is new this year. Only two other cities in Michigan have the same accreditation (Dearborn and Canton). This should aid in obtaining more funds from the state.

Adjourned 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Ross, ODWNA board member