

ODWNA Association Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Place: Held virtually (via Zoom)

Board Members:

Present: Peter Kushner, President; Christopher Bovid, Secretary; Diana Morton-Thompson; Paul Scott

In Attendance: Approximately 13 people (includes Board members)



I. Call to Order: Peter Kushner, 7:01 pm

- Welcome
- Zoom meeting procedures overview
- Reminder regarding resources: website, Neighborhood Plan, and e-mail newsletter (3rd Monday of every month); also postings to separately-run Winchell Neighborhood Neighbors Only Facebook page
- Reminder regarding Neighborhood Association meeting schedule
- Information regarding ODWNA Annual Car Show on May 19, 2021 at Winchell Elementary School
- ODWNA does not hold/run it, but we do promote the neighborhood garage sale held on the last Saturday in April, which this year will be April 24, 2021. ODWNA encourages everyone to follow appropriate COVID-19 protocols.
- A lot of the yield signs in the neighborhood are being switched out to STOP signs, the most significant of which might be the one at the westbound Winchell Avenue intersection with Rambling Road. Pete Kushner plans to reach out to the City regarding problems with motorists not heeding the new STOP sign there.
- The Board and Environmental Responsibility Committee is still walking on the "W-A-L-K Nature Route" (through our neighborhood between Asylum Lake Preserve and Kleinstuck Preserve) to finalize the route and details as to getting signs up for it.
- Regarding urban deer management, Pete Kushner is heading up a citizen ad hoc committee with multiple neighborhood representatives and City representatives and representatives from Stewards of Kleinstuck and the City of Kalamazoo Environmental Concerns Committee, together with advisors from the DNR, to come up with a management plan to address the deer in the City. They met in March to kick things off and met again last week. There will be an online survey that will be issued to everyone in the City.
- Inquiry from Sam Grossman regarding the status of the development of the property at Stadium Drive and Drake Road (no news since the City's denial of the owner's request for rezoning and relief from the Natural Features Protection zoning overlay). Discussed the City's process for public input into zoning change requests.
- The property at the corner of Oakland Drive and Parkview Avenue has had its proposed site plan submitted by Consumers Credit Union. It can be found at kalamazoocity.org/siteplans. Consumers Credit Union has applied for exceptions to the Natural Features Protection zoning overlay with respect to building within the setback at the top of the slope and also with respect to building within the critical root zone of one tree.
- Our planned speaker tonight is Andrew Hahn from Kalamazoo Downtown Partnership however his wife is ill with her reaction to her second COVID-19 vaccination, and he now has to take care of their children so he cannot make it tonight.

II. Treasurer's Report

- None

III. Neighborhood Business (Old and New):

- Christopher Bovid reports that the Asylum Lake Preserve Management Council has authorized the expenditure of a large sum of money for payment of Kaiser & Associates to design and oversee construction of a stormwater treatment system for the currently-untreated stormwater entering directly into Asylum Lake from Drake Road (largely from the Stadium Drive/Drake Road intersection). The stormwater treatment system plans so far include construction of a 'barracuda' mechanical treatment device in the actual roadway on Drake that removes some sediment and other solids and then an 18" perforated pipe wrapped in fabric and buried in rocks and extending 1,000 feet eastward along the north shore of Asylum Lake. It is requiring the cooperation of the ASPMC and the City of Kalamazoo (to clean out the barracuda on a semi-annual basis and for stormwater permits) and the Michigan Department of Energy, Great Lakes, and the Environment (EGLE) for the wetland-related permits.
- Christopher Bovid reports that Woods Lake's water clarity is trouble some this spring. The lake level is low due to low levels of precipitation this past winter and spring however it also appears that the Kensington Stormwater Treatment system might also be improperly functioning. The Woods Lake Association has met with the City and as a result, Public Services has budgeted for and is planning to use a vactor truck to remove the accumulated sediment in the forebay on Kensington Drive this spring and will also be doing an inspection of the sewer main along the north shore and east side of Woods Lake. The City's Department of Parks & Recreation has also verbally committed to taking the lead on hiring Kaiser & Associates to study the current functionality of the Kensington Stormwater Treatment System and perform some water quality testing as well to help determine what steps, if any, should be taken to help with the lake's health. If anyone has questions, feel free to reach out to Christopher Bovid as a representative of the Woods Lake Association board of directors.

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- IV. **Additional Public Comments:**
- P. Kushner thanked everyone for attending.
- V. **Adjournment:** 7:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher Bovid, ODWNA Secretary

