

ODWNA Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Place: Winchell Elementary Library

Board Members:

Present: Peter Kushner, President; Chris Shook, Vice President; Diana Morton-Thompson, Treasurer; Barb Ross, Paul Scott, Katherine Shook

Absent: Sandy Bolstad, Secretary

Guests: Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety, Lieutenant Habel and 2 KDPS officers

Speaker: Brian Steele, CEO, Boatyard Brewing Company



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

II. **President's Report**

- Yvonne Wright, Housing Inspector, City of Kalamazoo unable to attend but sent a report and will be posted online
- Foundation for Excellence, the newly formed Foundation to fundamentally change the property tax structure by reducing City millage rate by 7 mills from 19 mills to 12 mills will hold a meeting at Metro Transit for the communities input.
- All the above in the E-News.
- Lieutenant Habel spoke about Public Safety and that they were always available and could be contacted habelc@kalamazocity.org for questions or concerns or at the non-emergency number 269.337.8120.
- Asylum Lake Preservation dates and times.

III. **Treasurer's Report**

- \$3,001.17 in the treasury.

IV. **Secretary's Report**

- Nothing to report.

V. **Neighborhood Business (Old and New):**

- Nothing to report.

Notes from our Speaker:

Guest Speaker: Brian Steele, Co-founder, Boatyard Brewing Company

Topic: How Craft Beer is Made

- Brian presented a thorough and entertaining discussion of the entire process of creating craft beer.
- He started by citing some very interesting historical facts about breweries and how it was originally much more like we see today with many breweries of all types,
- Historical discussion continued about the Prohibition era followed by the introduction of television all detrimental to the craft beer industry aided by mass production against which the small houses could not compete
- Brian then presented the various stages of brewing beer from the different grains, hops and yeasts used in the cooking steps. Each level along the way.
- Tasting the various products in the steps involve in the process was of high interest to the attendees
- Not only is Brian Steele and excellent and knowledgeable brewer he is highly skilled as a presenter/instructor and all who attended registered their pleasure with strong applause.

VI. **Adjournment:** 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Shook for Sandy Bolstad, ODWNA Secretary