

ODWNA Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday April 18, 2012

Place: Winchell Elementary Library

Board Members-

Present: Barb McCrea, Co-President, Larry Ross, Co-President, Peter Kushner, Secretary; Diana Morton-Thompson, Treasurer, Cynthia Addison, Tom Keyser, Pat Klein, Deb Klug, Chris Shook

Absent: Kathy Shook



I. **Call to Order:** Peter Kushner, Secretary; 7:10pm

II. **Treasurer's Report**

- Association account balance stands at \$1,195.52

III. **Secretary's Report** - none

IV. **Guest Speaker:**

Shana Ramsey, Hatchery Interpreter, Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery **Topic:** Cleaning Getting Hooked on the Hatchery

- History – land purchased in 1927; hatchery underwent major renovations in early 1980's and 2003; new buildings/visitor center
- #1 goal of the hatchery: raise fish to place back into public waterways to support sport fishing (trout, salmon, muskie) and rehab native species
 - Also: create opportunities for kids to fish/ get outside/connect with nature
- Go out to public waterways, collect eggs, raise until fish are big enough to place back into waterways (takes about one year/cycle)
- Busiest time of year is now
- This is one of six Michigan hatcheries
- About 1% of eggs in wild reach maturity; 10% via the hatchery
- Wolf Lake Hatchery – things to do there:
 - Hatchery tours/programs all year
 - Native plant gardens
 - Butterfly garden (mid-July – August)
 - Holds workshops and meetings
 - Exhibit Hall:
 - History of MI hatcheries
 - Wolf Lake –specific history
 - Pond trails: groomed/open all year
- Funding:
 - DNR (75% of DNR funding from hunting/fishing licenses; only 6.5% from general funds)
 - F.O.W.L. – Friends of Wolf Lake Hatchery:
 - Recently formed as a non-profit [501(c)(3)] by outside supporters to support wildlife programs; memberships available
 - Additional Information:
 - www.michigan.gov/wolflakevc
 - www.facebook.com/wolflakefriends

V. **Old Business:** Traffic Committee Report; Tom Kayser – Next step goal-meet with City Manager to state our case; all we want for all (drivers/walkers/riders/etc.) is a “fair chance” to get safely through the intersection. Want to collect 500 signatures for the meeting.

VI. **New Business:** Annual ODWNA meeting with City Commission; Barb McCrea and Tom Kayser – talked about our neighborhood traffic concerns (Winchell/Rambling; Winchell/Aberdeen; Oakland Dr. speeding). No guidance from the commission for resolving our issues.

VII. **Public Comments:** None

VIII. **Adjournment:** 8:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Kushner, ODWNA Secretary