

## ODWNA Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, January 17, 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, 19 neighbors

**Absent:** None

**Call to Order:** Peter Kushner, President at 7:00 pm



### I. **President's Report**

- President Pete Kushner read announcements and asked all to review the website and e-news for more information.
- He then continued with a referral from the City of Kalamazoo to keep a pencil sized stream of water running to avoid the supply line freezing up in the long term cold weather. There is an M-Live article about it for more info.
- Next month is the Neighborhood Plan Open House and enhanced meeting for all. Volunteers needed so opportunities will be available for participation.
- All the above in the E-News with links.

### II. **Treasurer's Report**

- Diana Morton-Thompson reported on the City's Natural Features Protection Overlay, emphasizing the importance of how it will be defined.
- \$4,150 in the treasury

### III. **Secretary's Report**

- Nothing to report.

### IV. **Neighborhood Business (Old and New):**

- Neighbor Chris Chadderdon reported about Lifelong Learning Center Classes.
- Neighborhood concerns from the floor: land use, safety, over population of deer
- Neighbor Klaus Globig reported that the brick walls near Aberdeen and Winchell identified the plat as "University Hills". Would like to see contributions to restore historic signs on the walls.
- Carma Hassel, Outreach Coordinator, the Kalamazoo River Watershed Council reported on "Rain Gardens" and "Master Rain Garden Program" as a way to conserve water and use for areas in yards that may be difficult. Contact the Council for more details of how to create one. Details posted on the ODWNA website

### Notes from our Speaker:

**Guest Speaker: Tammie Barnes, Kalamazoo Valley Museum**

**Topic: "License to Spy"**

- Gave a summarized history of covert observation.
- She discussed the evolution of detective agencies in Kalamazoo and elsewhere.
- This led to government intervention and standardized methods of "spying".
- The formation of the FBI
- Historical companies involved in the business locally - H.H. Boekeloo & Son in 1885 to Carl Clatterbuck Agency today.

### V. **Adjournment:** 8:11 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Morton-Thompson, Barb Ross and Chris Shook