

ODWNA Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Place: Winchell Elementary Library

Board Members:

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

Absent: Paul Scott

Speaker: Jofrid Stavig, 21st Century Campaign Volunteer Bronson Park



I. **Call to Order:** Peter Kushner, President at 7:04 pm

II. **President's Report**

- President Pete Kushner read announcements, highlighting the recycling program for the neighborhood and asked all to review the website and e-news for more information.
- Discussion ensued with the Master Plan announcement. President Pete continued with a summary of what occurred at the presentation at the September meeting, defined the basics of a Master Plan and some crucial points about the Plan namely the section about the Neighborhood Plan. He asked for volunteers to help formulate the Winchell Neighborhood Plan which when completed will become a part of the Master Plan. Those present continued with a lively discussion.
- All the above in the E-News and on the website.

III. **Treasurer's Report**

- \$3,765 in the treasury

IV. **Secretary's Report**

- Nothing to report.

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

- Neighbor Sharon Oswalt announced a Neighborhood Watch program and asked for those who may wish to volunteer to contact her. She had communicated with the Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety to help set up the program and to help with the parameters of the organization. She pointed out advantages and that it can help with many problems but mostly the safety of children. She was concerned about speeding cars and those not respecting the stop signs. Their next meeting is Monday, November 13 at the Winchell School Library from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. See Winchell Neighborhood Facebook page for more info.

Notes from our Speaker:

Guest Speaker: Jofrid Stavig, Volunteer, Bronson Park's 21st Century Campaign

- Fate of Iannelli Fountain to be discussed at the November 20 meeting of the City Commission (CC).
- Park Master Plan has been approved but the CC will revisit the fountain issue.
- Park is approximately 200 years old and has served and still does serve as the "town square" or "commons"
- The park and much of Downtown Kalamazoo was part of a Potawatomie Reservation at one time.
- The mound was constructed by the Hopewell Culture.
- The Iannelli Fountain design was selected as the winner in a contest for design of a fountain for the park in 1936.
- 1940 Alfonso Iannelli completed the sculpted piece of art we see today. He also designed the Adler Planetarium in Chicago and many other landmarks in the Chicago area including many Frank Lloyd Wright projects.
- Bronson Park was originally deeded to Kalamazoo County by Titus Bronson. The City of Kalamazoo leases it for \$1 per year.

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

Respectfully Submitted;
Diana Morton-Thompson and Barb Ross