Asylum Lake Policy & Management Committee Meeting  
Thursday, 14 July 2016  
7 p.m.  
Arthur Falk’s house,  
4101 Katydid Lane (in Parkview Hills), Kalamazoo, MI 49008?

Agenda:

I. Call to Order: 7:10

II. Roll Call: Duane Hampton, Arthur Falk, Jay Emerson, Kay Chase, Phil Micklin, Steve Keto. No Quorum

III. Adoption of July 2016 Agenda, No Quorum.

IV. Approval of June 2016 Meeting Minutes, No Quorum.

V. Old Business:
   a. Trail Committee Update: Phil Micklin requested that Mark Frever inform him of the meeting with the engineer to survey trail work at the Preserve so he may attend this discussion. The discussion by the group centered on the level of accessibility needed on trails. If NOT ADA what is it? Group need to understand guidelines, laws that may include natural Preserves, NOT parks. Discussion with Kalamazoo Nature Center, WMU Student Disability Services.
   b. Governing documents review update: the council members present read through the suggested changes to the documents, most was general housekeeping and correcting issues of non-compliance, WMU and community representation on council, term limits, open meetings act compliance. Steve K. relayed the information from WMU administration that any and all changes must be approved by the WMU board of Trustees. Council members questioned whether the bylaws that organize the council internally are subject to this oversight. Concerns over condition and timeliness of Asylum Lake Website persist.
   c. BTR 2.0 Update: Council discussed space requirement changes made by Ostemo, location of access road, management of natural areas, design components such as trees and spacing, condominium organization, who develops management and restrictions for shared spaces, responsibility of WMU landscape and Natural areas personnel, how to deal with invasives that
may spread due to development. (Update; WMU has postponed Fall 2016 start of BTR2.0 development for as yet undisclosed "environmental monitoring" of an issue on the site. The council should get clarification of this concern and its potential impact on the watershed.)

d. Prescribed Burn update: No burn for Spring 2016 the council should revisit this project and vote if a Fall burn is an option, or plan for Spring 2017.

e. Sewer Concerns: A citizen reported sewer signs and manholes being removed on the North shore of Asylum Lake. Steve alerted the City and WMU about this. (Update: Steve K contacted the City again on 7/19 to follow up on this issue)

f. Trash on North shore: This is a difficult area for WMU staff to address regularly. Should ALPA or another group attempt to clean this up as an event or regular adoption project

g. Result of vote on ALPA request for $500 for Sept. 17 event: The council members present made note that the minutes should reflect council votes made by e-mail. Mark Frever will execute paperwork to disburse these funds. ALPA was approved $500 for expenses related to the Celebration event September 17.

h. Voting results on request to authorize chemical control of areas already treated for invasives by Wildtype. The council members present made note that the minutes should reflect council votes made by e-mail. Mark Frever will execute paperwork to disburse these funds. The proposal submitted by Wildtype for invasive seedling treatment was approved for $8900 (Update, Wildtype will start by 7/19/2016)

VI. New Business

VII. Project/Special Committee Reports:
   a. Research and Education committee: council discussed this process of approvals for projects. It need to stay streamlined to accommodate researchers needs

VIII. Public Comments:

IX. Council/Staff Comments: Check out the goats on campus doing brush removal. Latest test on main campus went well, ended 7/9

X. Adjournment; 9:30