Asylum Lake Policy & Management Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, 11 February 2016  
7 p.m. 
College of Engineering and Applied Science  

Agenda:  

I. Call to Order; 7:05 pm  


Guests: Phil Micklin, Paul MacNellis,  

III. Adoption of February, 2016 Agenda; Add Adventure day, Trail report as old business approved  

IV. Approval of November 2015 Meeting Minutes, Approved  

V. Old Business:  

a. ALPA Celebration Update, September 17, 2016 at Preserve. A tent, tours, music and information tables will be located at the Drake entrance of the Preserve.  

September 9th start of artist show and art sale at Sarkozy's Bakery that will run for one month.  

b. Trail Update; The Harris Trail plan has been shelved for now. Some members of the Trails committee met to discuss merits of a possible plan for a new trail idea proposed for the Gibbs entrance. The discussion involved improvement of trail that is partially paved and improvements to the gravel trail to lake. Much discussion concerning the level of ADA compatibility if any. There will be need for parking at this new entrance as well as signage.  

Council requested an itemized list of improvements and maintenance for this trail and the estimates for any work proposed. Landscape Services will engage a utility professional to provide help on trail improvements and costs.  

Council discussed if this trail work is general maintenance or a new project and how it will be paid for  

MOTION: allocate $10,000 to maintenance fund to pay for trail work. A professional should assess construction and maintenance needs to make trail reasonable accessible to mobility challenged customers.  

The ALPMC WMU Business and Finance representative will report back on trail issues. APPROVED.  

$3400 is still available in maintenance fund from previous projects.
c. Governing documents review; Jay Emerson (chair), Kay Chase, Tyler Bassett, Lauri Holmes, James Timmons and Tom Edmonds will review documents and report on April 14 about findings. The Group will review documents, find issues of non-compliance and make recommendations for updates to the documents to be brought to ALPMC for discussion.

VI. New Business:
   a. CFO Advisory Council Update (meeting held 2/10/2016), (Paul MacNellis);
      Paul handed out packets concerning Plans for BTR 2.0 (attached)
      The following notes were provided to Paul from ALPMC to be discussed at next CFO advisory meeting on 3/2/16
      Will buildings be closer to 131 or Drake?
      How much larger than 2 story buildings may be allowed?
      Are the public comments being used to create lot restrictions (protection of significant features?)
      What enforcement mechanisms will be used to assure compliance?
      Will any storm water enter the north wetland?
      Can Asylum Lake be used for overflow?
      Will Burr Oak trees be given appropriate space to thrive?
      Can development be in clusters to maximize contiguous open space?
      Can companies share some building and consolidate utilities, roads and parking?
      Can the public input features and trees be added to the parcel maps to see where features are located?
      Can a natural features inventory be done for each plot from which management plans can be determined?
      Maintain rural feel of Drake Road? Enhance and mirror Preserve?
      Move Traffic signal closer to Stadium than Parkview?
      Will there be lot fees to pay for management of open space?
      Can orchid site be removed from private lots to open space?
      How will the wetland be modified, now, and when old trailer park site is developed?
      Can lighting be limited along drake road to protect AL preserve?
      Traffic Signage to identify location of preserve along drake and or stadium drive?
      Do a complete inventory of trees on each lot before building footprints are approved?

   b. Update on Landscape Director search; Tim retires on April 30, 2016. A search has been ongoing and a new director will be chosen by April 2016. Tim will work with administration to choose a new Representative for ALPMC to fill Business and Finance seat.

VII. Project/Special Committee Reports:
   a. Prescribed Burn information: Fire is planned for Asylum lake Prairie, money has been allocated and work with KNC fire crew is ongoing.
VIII. Public Comments: There should be a seat for the geology department on ALPMC.

VIII. Council/Staff Comments:
Steward of Kleinstuck “Symphony of the Soil” Movie Alamo Drafthouse 2/17: Sold Out. Movie can be made available to ALPMC if they want to watch this movie another time.
Adventure Day 2016: The Nature Center has expanded this program and wants to add more schools and locations. As of now there will be an event at Kleinstuck in April and Asylum lake in May, details will be forthcoming volunteers will be needed!

IX. Adjournment
Next meeting April 14, 2016 at the College of Engineering Cafeteria

March Updates for ALPMC 3/7/16

A new Director of landscape Services has been selected, Mark Frever former director of Grounds at Albion College. He will Join WMU on April 11, 2016

An Asylum Lake use request was submitted by a student for a wildlife survey on the preserve using game cameras. This request is being considered by the Education and Research Committee.

The Governing Document review has begun and a report will be made at the April 14 ALPMC meeting.

The CFO advisory Committee met on March 2, 2016. A report will be made by representatives at the April 14 ALPMC meeting.

Tree data for CFO property was shared with Advisory committee.