Agenda:

I. Call to Order 7:03

II. Roll Call, Council Members: Steve Keto, (Tim Holysz retiring), Mark Frever, Duane Hampton, Cam Vossen, Arthur Falk, Kay Chase, Paul Scott, Chuck Ide, Dave Lemberg, Lauri Holmes, Steve Kohler, Jay Emerson. Quorum met. Guests: Phil Micklin, Paul MacNellis, Susan Andress

III. Adoption of April, 2016 Agenda, Approved

IV. Approval of February 2016 Meeting Minutes, Approved, correction 10 voting council members at February meeting.

V. Old Business:
   a. Trail Update: Larry Harris well known local Landscape Architect has passed away and his business will be closing. He was WMU go to designer for many years and he will be missed. Council members shared their thoughts and memories of Larry. Tim H. talked with John Seelman from WMU engineering about the AL trails. At this time the council does not have estimates, ideas for how the erosion can be remediated. Mark F. will need to follow up with John S. this summer.

VI. New Business: Moved up the agenda by Duane Hampton
   a. Introduce new WMU Business and Finance representative to ALPMC and new Director of Landscape Services, Mark Frever. Tim H. introduced his replacement as LS director and new Business and Finance representative for ALPMC. Mark provided details of his professional background at Albion and expressed his interest in working with the Council as WMU representative.

   Return to Old Business
   b. Governing documents review update: Jay E. indicated there is not a lot of wiggle room regarding agreements with The City and the WMU board of trustees when it comes to the Asylum lake Preserve. Where the council
should focus is on the make up of community representation on the Council since the neighborhoods have changed since the preserve was created. More than 50% of representatives need affiliation with WMU. Non Compliance issues could also be corrected, such as parking lots that were originally banned now exist on site. To modify the governing documents 2/3 of the council must agree to approve any changes and the WMU board of trustees may need to approve the changes as well. The governing document review committee will bring specific recommendations for changes to the council in future meetings.

c. BTR 2.0 Update: Paul MacNellis handed out copies of latest BTR 2.0 drawings (attached) he indicated that the Comments provided by the council at the February meeting were given to the BTR 2.0 development group for consideration. As of recent discussions the are now 7 lots, down from 9. Buffer along Drake Road is 100’. Circle drive is located closer to Drake road, the lots will be long and most development will be closer to 131. This is a site condo development that means the lots can take any size or shape if they meet zoning size restrictions. Lot landscape management will be responsibility of business property owner. Discussion as to what entity will be responsible for buffer zone management and how will this plan be developed and paid for.

Arthur F. Mentioned that he has information from Ken Paragon from OCBA that since WMU has no academic presence in the new park they will NOT manage the buffer zone site. There is no guarantee that any features including the orchid or trees will be preserved by the residents. This was discussed and Tim H. ( Mark F. ) will speak with Dave Dakin from campus Planning and Ken Paragon from OCBA to get clarification on WMU involvement in this management. Paul will also write a letter for clarification. ALPMC members were concerned about trees planned for the buffer along Drake to protect the Preserve. Also Council discussed WMU commitment to the protection of the natural features on the site.

Paul M. provided some historical backround about WMU, MSU and the Orchard property use and ownership. He indicated that WMU is not likely to abandon the property as they have shown great interest in the past. Council discussed the placement of the entrance to the park, traffic, site lines, signals, signs and effect on Drake traffic.
Design details should be available when the BTR 2.0 committee meets again. Also there will be another public input meeting. Paul will send information for Steve and Duane to distribute to the council. Paul and Arthur will follow up by providing ALPMC comments to the BTR group.

VII. Project/Special Committee Reports:
   a. Prescribed Burn update: weather not cooperating, site preparations are all set just need the all clear.
   b. Asylum Lake Adventure Day (5/10-11) update: This event was approved by the council. Steve described the student educational event and the one at Kleinstuck sent around a sign up sheet for council volunteers.
   c. Wildlife camera survey request: approved with modification, the research is on hold for student sustainability grant funding.
   d. Apiary relocation request: This request was problematic for the council but is now on hold as other sites than the Preserve are being investigated.

VIII. Public Comments: Paul M. when we talk about accessibility of trails in the preserve we must distinguish between the legal language of ADA laws and making trail as accessible as possible as courtesy to our customers. We must consider emergency vehicle access from points like Drake to Winchell but this does not need to meet ADA standards.

IX. Council/Staff Comments: Jay E. Asylum Lake website needs serious update and maintenance. Discussion involved WMU upgrades and management of the University website. Tim H. indicated there is no students or funding planned to do the work, it will be FM /LS staff responsibility. Question about council paying for student support of webpage? Mark F. will look into website issues once on the job. While the WMU website is standardized and easier to use it still takes time, content and review by specific individuals to update and maintain.

Jay E. asked; what is the status of the aggregate pile on the WMU Foundation property at Drake and Stadium, it is unsightly, a safety and environmental liability for WMU and the Preserve. Steve will follow up With Mark F. to get updates from the Foundation. In the Fall (November 2015) Steve spoke with Steve East from the Foundation about this material and Council concerns. Steve East indicated this was a short term storage.

X. Preserve Ethics Flyer by SoK: Steve showed a draft of a sign created by the Stewards of Kleinstuck being considered in that preserve.

XI. Adjournment 8:45 next meeting May 12, 2016 Thursday 7:00 pm CEAS