ALPMC Meeting Minutes  
5/25/2015 7:00 pm WMU Parkview Campus

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Roll Call: Council, Paul Scott, Duane Hampton, Tim Holysz, Lauri Holmes, Dave Nesius, Steve keto, Dave Lemberg. (NO Quorum)
Guests, James Timmons, Larry Harris
Adoption of May Agenda: New business; Move Larry Harris discussion of Trail Project first. Add Paul Scott discussion of Large Preserve sign.
Approval of April 2015 minutes: Wrong copy distributed. April 2015 minutes attached to Council e-mail for review.

Old Business:
Larry Harris; Phase II of Asylum Lake Trail, from Parkview lot to meet Winchell trail at Spillway.
Not using existing dirt trail as slope too steep for accessibility and erosion. Discussed using limestone or stone dust on trial to create more compact surface rather than natural stone used in Phase I. Trail to be 10’ wide, straighten and reduce slopes. Trail will run parallel along crest in field west of present trail. NO overlook to Little Asylum Lake in this plan.
Several things will need to be done first to prepare for work: Staging area for construction materials, Protect current parking lot and block entrance at Parkview. Improve temporary trail for Truck entrance and road to reach spillway.
(See attached Trail Budget estimate).
Discussion included: Trail materials. Erosion issues along length of trail different sections will need to be treated differently to get best storm water control. Staging area size and location. Truck routes. Accessibility vs. ADA accessible, while trail will be more accessible it will not meet all barrier free regulations.
Budget plan insufficient to fund trail work in one year, 5 year Budget and priorities will need adjustment to find additional monies. Should we still do this? Is grant money available? Partners? Do work in stages? Plan was to get bids by December for 2016 construction if issues can be resolved. (See current 5 year budget attached)

Asylum Lake Property sign: 3 parking lot signs cost $375 plus additional hardware and installation estimated at less than $300. AL maintenance fund will pay for this.
Discussion of large Preserve sign at Parkview and Drake. Good for branding. Not to be like other WMU signs. Discussion of materials, posts, stone, Location, size and angle. Any sign must be approved by WMU Public Relations, but no help in design other than identity rules by University.
COUNCIL VOTE: #1 Do we want a large Preserve sign at Parkview and Drake?
#2 Should we use the $3000 previously approved for other signs for this sign?
Project updates: Prairie Burn canceled: weather, fuel load, additional site prep needed for fire safety. Will look at fall burn, or burn first on list for spring 2016. Additional money will be needed for more fire break work and survey updates. Parking Lot signs: signs finished, need to find posts and hardware and schedule with WMU, LS crew for installation this summer. Dog Waste stations and Info Boxes: once money is available from Kalamazoo Foundation, sources, pricing, ordering and installation can move forward. AL Mobile App: will meet with Alex to settle paperwork and project schedule. Alex will be paid out of Natural Areas Student Fund and reimbursed by Council from allocated funds.

New Business:
ALPA letter to WMU administration and Board of Trustees with concerns and suggestions. Letter was well received. Members questioned ALPMC response to this letter by ALPA. (Original letter and cover attached)

WMU representative claimed that the US Postal service Complained to WMU administration that the letter was illegally stuffed in Mail boxes in local neighborhoods, which is a federal offense and the postal service would consider legal action to stop this practice by ALPA. ALPA Member denied any involvement in this practice and explained all letters were hand delivered to the secretaries of the WMU administration and Board. ALPA Questioned where and when this happened and names of people involved? The discussion became heated with members expressing disbelief, anger and frustration at this aggressive statement by WMU representative. President brought meeting under control. Discussion included, Questions as to who registered and received the complaint at WMU? Who at the Post office reported this and called WMU? What mailboxes were involved? Why is this WMU business and not between USPS and ALPA? As no real details or names were available, it was suggested that ALPA representatives contact Jan VanderKlay directly to sort this out.

Discussion shifted to letter content and CFO development: What is an appropriate role or response by ALPMC? What is the ecological value of CFO? Discussion of Past WMU development the good, bad, ugly. What Opportunities for community impute will be scheduled? Will there be Better community representation in planning process? What are other organizations doing with regard to this issue? The discussion became heated among several members and the president brought the meeting under control.

Public Comment: none

Staff/ Council Comments: Open manhole on north side of Preserve. Steve will contact City utilities and meet them on site to assess condition of sewer line. Dave Nesius has timed out as ECC representative, Jim Timmons will fill his seat. ALPMC need to select a new president.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49
I would like to suggest that Duane Hampton be elected as chair of the Asylum Lake Management Council. As was announced at the last Council meeting, David Nesius has termed out and will no longer be the chair.

I feel that Duane is very well qualified to fill this position due to his long tenure on the Council and his knowledge of the issues which the Management Council deals with. I have talked with Duane about this nomination and he is willing to serve as the Council chair.

It would be helpful if the chairmanship could be filled in the very near future. I have offered to help Duane in drafting a committee structure and goals, to be presented in the fall for the group's consideration, and it would be advantageous if we could work on these matters over the summer.

If we don't have a meeting next week on June 11th, I hope we can take a vote by email so as to settle the matter soon.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lauri Holmes

COUNCIL FEEDBACK NEEDED:
Do we schedule an e-mail vote for president or do we take this up at the next meeting for other nominations and discussion.

#2 Alex Eberstein has completed his paperwork for employment as a temporary employee. We have worked out details with Accounting and payroll and he will begin his mobile application work soon.

#3 Wildtype is working on schedule for work at Asylum Lake seedling spray this summer.

#4 City Utility crew surveyed the North Shore of Asylum Lake with Steve to assess Sewer condition and access issues. There are some concerns as to the flow in the line and clean out may be necessary. This is a very inaccessible site due to slope, trees, fence, private property and no trail capable of supporting utility equipment. Access would need to be created by cutting trees, widening the trail and creating vehicular access to the series of manholes if work is needed. The city will continue to assess this and report back to Steve with findings and plan. They have assured me that the council and I be kept involved as more information is gathered on this project.

#4 An unapproved boat was reported at Asylum Lake and a section of fence along the North border was cut. Any boats should be reported to WMU police 387-5555. We will wait on the fence as the city access points for sewer work may require more fence removal.

#5 Lauri Holmes had a discussion with Tim Holysz and Jan VanderKlay concerning the ALPA letter, U.S. Postal Service misunderstanding. As I was not part of that discussion I will leave that to ALPA to discuss at a later date or in a separate communication.