Asylum Lake
Policy and Management Council

In February 2004, the Asylum Lake Preserve Management Framework was adopted by the WMU Board of Trustees. This Framework identified the Asylum Lake Policy and Management Council (ALPMC). It specifies that the Council shall be a self-sustaining body which is responsible to the WMU Vice President for Business and Finance; it shall have a majority of its members from WMU; and it shall meet at least twice a year with meetings open to the public.

ALPMC Council Members

Council Coordinator:
David Nesius

WMU Voting Members:
WMU Environmental Institute – Charles Ide
WMU Facilities Management – Steve Keto
WMU Environmental Studies Department – Steve Kohler
WMU VP for Business and Finance – Tim Holysz
WMU Campus Planning and Finance Council – Dave Lemberg
At-Large – Cam Vossen
At-Large – Duane Hampton
At-Large – Tom Edmonds

Community Voting Members:
Asylum Lake Preservation Association – David Nesius
Environmental Concerns Committee of kalamazoo – Vacant
Kalamazoo Environmental Council – Tyler Bassett, Alternate – Kay Chase
Oakland Drive/ Winchell Neighborhood Association – Frank Wolf
Parkview Neighborhood Association – Cal Maston
Parkwn Village Association – Charles Emerson
ALPMC Committees

Research and Education:
  - Charles Ide
  - Dave Lemberg
  - Tyler Bassett
  - Charles Emerson

Construction:
  - David Nesius
  - Tom Edmonds
  - Tim Holysz

Management Plan:
  - Kay Chase
  - Steve Keto
  - Tyler Bassett
  - Phil Micklin
  - Frank Wolf

PR/Signage:
  - Cam Vossen
  - Laurie Holmes
  - Steve Keto

Trails:
  - Frank Wolf
  - Phil Micklin
  - Tom Edmonds
  - Tim Holysz

Water Quality:
  - Charles Ide
  - Duane Hampton
  - Steve Kohler
  - Phil Micklin

Budget Committee:
  - Tim Holysz
  - Frank Wolf
  - Cam Vossen
**Recommended Sub-Committees**

The following sub-committees can distribute responsibility and oversight functions of the two existing Asylum Lake Council Committees (Research/Education/Restoration committee and Operations committee). These sub-committees can act on behalf of the Council in some instances and in an advisory capacity in others. Committees can be made up of council and non-council parties.

**Maintenance and Facilities (sub-committee of Operations)**

Recommended and/or schedules maintenance activities for property such as trash removal, mowing of trails, fence repairs, trail upkeep, removing downed trees, trail surface maintenance, prescribed fire, etc.

Oversees construction projects for features and constructs on the property such as entry ways, signage, benches, lookouts, etc.

**Trails (sub-committee of Research and Education)**

Develop a plan of permanent trails and best maintenance practices, size, capacity, emergency vehicle access and handicap use for each. Periodic inspection and work order process could be developed. Determine how trails affect each management area (e.g., trails in the prairie management area should mesh with fire breaks.

**Public Relations/Signage (sub-committee of Operations)**

Ensure that events at the property receive proper media attention. Improve existing media outlets, such as the website. Recommend content, design and placement of signs.

**Restoration (sub-committee of Research and Education)**

Recommend proper management strategies following the guidelines of the management plans, Nature Center Report, Kieser Report, Native Connections Inventory, Archeological Study and consultation with experts. Ensure that proper monitoring of the ecology is conducted.

This committee could be broken down further:

- Water Quality (Interest: Duane Hampton)
- Prairie/Savanna
- Wetlands/Lakes
- Forests