Agenda:

I. Call to Order 7:02

II. Roll Call: Council members,(9 Quorum met) James Timmons, Dave Lemberg, Duane Hampton, Tyler Bassett, Steve Kohler, Paul Scott, Tim Holysz, Arthur Falk, Steve Keto
Other attendees, Phil Micklin, Susan Andress

III. Adoption of September, 2015 Agenda, Approved

IV. Approval of May 2015 Meeting Minutes, Add discussion on Large Preserve sign to old business. Add porta-john discussion to new business.

V. Old Business:
   a. Phase II Asylum lake Trail proposal, alternatives, pay for design services.
      Discussion of trail plan presented by Larry Harris at May meeting. ALPA representative presented alternative to trail plan that would utilize the existing paved road from Gibbs farm entrance to the center of preserve and improve the gravel path from there to Spillway. This plan got good response from the council. Concerns over the Harris plan are cost, construction on steep slopes, and excessive damage from staging area and access routes for trucks. Questions still exist as to extent of accessibility that needs to be achieved on trails in the preserve, ADA, Slope ratio, materials. Paul MacNellis has worked on this in the past and should be consulted.
      Suggestion to improve Trail from Winchell to Spillway with stone dust to cost $18,000. The council was asked to pay Larry Harris for his services, cost $5210 to date. Council voted to pay Larry Harris for services rendered, Tim will begin paperwork to allocate money. Question as to ability of Landscape Services crew to do grading and improving trail? Steve Keto will work with Tim and Landscape Special Projects crew to figure feasibility, cost, and quantity of materials and time frame of trail work. Trail committee to discuss alternative trail ideas.
      Committee list was circulated and members were given an opportunity to add or subtract names from committee responsibilities (attached for review)
   b. Asylum lake Mobile application update.
      Alex Ebenstein submitted an update of his work on the Asylum lake Mobile application. The Council discussion focused on the added functionality to be expected, access on Apple phones and ability to update and add content. It was suggested that the November agenda include a discussion on engaging a student intern that could manage the application. I also included a recent conversation with Alex in the October 2015 Updates (attached).
   c. Wildtype management update / future projects
      Wildtype is done with the contracted work in the Oak forest having sprayed 54 acres this spring. The question to the council is what next? It was discussed that the management council meet and discuss this and the planned spring prairie burn.
   d. Preserve sign.
      The idea of a large Preserve sign at the corner of Drake and Parkview was discussed. Do we think we need one? What would it look like? WMU role in approving design? Should we wait until CFO project is done and we see what the area becomes? The council asked the PR/Sign committee to give recommendations.
VI. New Business:
   a. Volunteer events.
      There will be student volunteer group on 10/9 working from 12-3 in the Savanna along Parkview. Local
      neighbors are willing to support the group with refreshments that day. There is no group on 9/25 at the
      Preserve but a group will be working on a main campus project. There is potential group interested in
      10/17 date.
   b. ALPA gathering 2016.
      The ALPA Celebration event scheduled for September 2016 was discussed. The Drake entrance was
      identified as the first choice for location. The idea for an art exhibit /sales theme was presented. The
      council discussed the preserve restrictions that might prevent sales of art on the property. It was suggested
      that Tim Kellogg WMU property and liability manager be consulted about this issue. The Gibbs farm was
      also suggested as an event space, Dr. Harold Glasser, director of the Office for Sustainability would need
      to be consulted for this. I have included a thread from Tim Kellogg about this issue in the updates October
      2015(attached)
   c. Erosion and trail maintenance.
      Discussion about the condition of the Winchell trail involved possible sweeping with a bobcat brush or
      use of stone dust to make surface more acceptable, this will be investigated by Landscape services as a
      possible job that can be done within the maintenance budget. Erosion at the spillway, and on other trails
      was discussed, Steve Keto and landscape will develop maps, and costs to fill and grade these spots using
      LS crew and maintenance budget.
   d. Recent crime updates.
      Discussion of recent crime reports at preserve revealed that little official information is available to the
      public. The response of Public safety to warn customers to stay away from the preserve and no other
      crime locations in the area was questioned, is the Preserve getting an unfair reputation? Council discussed
      possible response including, Public relations, events, handouts. The PR committee should discuss
      possible ideas for positive publicity.
   e. Review of governing documents.
      A committee is to be formed to review compliance, updates to our governing documents. Kay Chase,
      Tyler Bassett and Dave Nesius were identified to start this process.
   f. Porta-john
      Past council minutes and budgets indicated the Council approved placement of a porta john in the
      Preserve. The Council decided it will be located in the center of the preserve and will be in place from
      April through October each year.

VII. Project/Special Committee Reports:
   a. Signs, waste stations, information boxes.
      1 Welcome sign, 1 information box and 1 dog waste station was added to the Drake entrance, Parkview
      entrance and Winchell entrance as requested by the council. Updated maps will be installed in the kiosks.
      ALPA representative has keys and some refills for dog waste stations.

VIII. Public Comments:

Winchell neighborhood will sponsor a presentation about the CFO development on November 18, 2015, 7pm at
the Public school on Winchell Ave and Broadway.

Steve will be hosting several tours of Asylum Lake; River City Wild Ones, Office for Sustainability Students,
WMU Environmental Studies Classes

IX. Council/Staff Comments:
Next meeting: November 12, 2015
Tentative meeting planned January 14, 2016

X. Adjournment 8:55