Agenda:

I. Call to Order at 7:05

II. Roll Call: Steve Keto, Kay Chase, Dave Nesius, Donna Tellam, Susan Andress, Duane Hampton, Frank Wolf, Tim Holysz, Cam Vossen, Dave Lemberg, Tyler Bassett.

III. Adoption of 13 February 2014 Agenda: Motioned, Second, Approved unanimously (no changes)

IV. Approval of 14 November 2013 Meeting Minutes: Motioned, Second, Approved unanimously (no changes)

V. Old Business:
   a. Ecological Management Update: Steve Keto, weather conditions and snow pack have prevented the burning of brush. Fire Permit expires on 3/1/14. Steve will talk with Bill Schneider, the ecological management committee, and council about options.
   b. Fence line brush removal (Parkview / Drake): Steve Keto, Landscape crews have cut woody brush from Preserve fence line starting at the corner of Drake and Parkview and working east and north. Crews will need to follow up with additional herbicide treatment this spring.

VI. New Business:
   a. Highpoint neighborhood property fence: Tim Holysz, the Highpoint neighborhood association has requested that WMU clear and repair the preserve east property fence with the Highpoint neighborhood. Tim Holysz indicated that the fence belongs to WMU; he will get an estimate this spring and present the information to Tim Kellogg the WMU property and risk manager for funding.
   b. Preserve Use requests for Adventure Day and ALPA Celebration (May 2014): Steve Keto, two new AL Preserve use requests were received both for May 2104. Jay Emerson, Tyler Bassett, Dave Lemberg took copies. Steve K. will send e-copies to Dr. Ide and Tom Edmonds.
VII. Project/Special Committee Reports:
   a. Trails: Tim Holysz, (see report attached), work could all be completed this year but budget may not support this. Tim suggested that council and a member from disability student services meet at preserve to discuss present and future trails. Council discussion on future trail projects and cost, status of overlook, past cost overruns and justification for ADA trail.
   b. PR/Signage: Cam Vossen, (see report attached), Asylum Lake welcome signs were approved for production during 2012 council meetings, this project should be moved to production for installation in 2014. Development of Wayfinding signs should be promoted in upcoming 2014-2018 budget plans. Information signs will need more research and discussion and should be included in future budget decisions. Council discussion on Cell Phone Apps, Kid friendly signage, brand consistency and status of previously allocated funds for signage.
   c. Ecological Management: Steve Keto, (see attachment) the committee developed priorities and costs based on past management projects for budget purposes. Any Management option is not a onetime cost per acre, as follow up treatment and assessments need to be done for any areas that have been started. The specific Management projects selected will depend on council priorities, budget, ongoing assessment information, vendor used and the season. It is recommended by the committee that some management activities be budgeted every year to address the advance of invasive species and meet the goals of the council to improve ecological health of the preserve. The size of the preserve and areas to be managed are large and thus require a robust management budget.
   d. Education and Research: This committee did not meet in January. Issues related to interpretation of conservation agreement and application form improvements must still be addressed.
   e. Budget: Frank Wolf (see report attached) Frank presented three budget proposals based on the committee priorities. Council discussion on how foundation funding works. Tim H. suggested a sit down with a Kalamazoo Foundation representative to help explain this process. Discussion of more detailed accounting as to where money allocated to WMU was spent. Discussion of WMU new policy concerning website content and editing and how that will affect the Asylum Lake website maintenance. Discussion on refining the budget process to get values in earlier so yearly budgets will be timely. Discussion of sample budget details. A motion was made, second and approved to accept budget “C” tentatively as 2014 working budget.

VIII. Public Comments: Donna Tellam reported that the ALPA Celebration day will be at the Drake Road entrance to the Preserve on May 17, with the council’s
approval of the use request. Steve indicated that Landscape paid for Port-a-johns for 2013 ALPA Celebration and Adventure day.

IX. Council/Staff Comments:
   a. 1830 Survey Notes: Steve Keto shared scanned handwritten 1830 survey notes from Asylum Lake area with Council.
   b. WMU Tree Campus USA 2013: Steve Keto reported that for the sixth year WMU has been recognized by the National Arbor Day foundation as a Tree Campus USA. The Council and the management activities at the Preserve helped make this possible.
   c. New Trail maps: Steve Keto, new trail maps based on 2013 aerial photos are in the way finding boxes at the preserve entrances.

X. Adjournment: Motioned, second and approved 9:00