Asylum Lake Policy & Management Committee Meeting Minutes: 7/11/13

Called to order at 7:04

Discussion of Wildtype Management suggestions: Are we balancing management goals with wildlife needs. Do we want to continue Wildtype management and what do we plan to budget? Council agreed that Wildtype should continue management based of suggestions and priorities they provided to the council.

What do we want Wildtype to focus on; Areas 1A and 1B removing woody invasives. Discussion concerning identification of Norway maples and Sugar Maples in area 2 surrounding beach at the Lake East end. This area will not be focus of management until we are comfortable that we are removing appropriate species.

Discussion of Budget for Wildtype work this coming year; $50,000 was agreed with contingency for other priorities that may arise. Wildtype will be paid Time and Materials until a specific project and budget can be agreed upon. Council approved authorizing draft budget for 2013.

Discussion on Preserve fence line; remove trees from Parkview Drake fence line starting with LS crews. The condition of the fence in other areas of the preserve was mentioned.

Continued concern over quality of trail from Winchell to Spillway;

Discussion of appropriate landscape for spillway walls. Current planting is in poor condition due to traffic. Possible eliminate plants use rock or other hardscape.

Discussion on outstanding infrastructure projects; Spillway to Parkview. Need updated cost estimates from Larry Harris.

Discussion on trails, Steve will oversee that trails are cut narrower than has been recent practice.

Discussion of current storm water projects by MDOT and WMU. Council members should continue to monitor the progress and impacts to Preserve.

Discussion of Website shift to WMU Landscape Services, Natural Areas Website.

Discussion of Rain garden management.
Committees:

Research and Education: Dave Lemberg, Steve Keto, Tyler Bassett, Charles Ide

Construction: Dave Nesius, Tom Edmonds, Tim Holysz

Management: Kay Chase, Steve Keto, Phil Micklin, Frank Wolf

PR/Signage: Lauri Holmes, Steve Keto, Cam Vossen

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

Budgets: Tim Holysz, Frank Wolf, Cam Vossen

Water: Charles Ide, Duane Hampton, Steve Kohler, Phil Micklin

Adjourn: 8:30