

Minutes of the May 12, 2015 OHMHA meeting

Board Members Present: Jack Cederquist, Greg Jagst, Jerry Schulte, Emily Eisbruch, Frank Commiskey, Peter Mooney, Anne Karabakal, Martin Torch-Ishii

Spring was in full swing as the OHMHA board met at Clague Middle School.

1. **Treasurer's report.** Wendy Carmen was unable to be at the meeting but submitted a report that was in the newsletter. In a discussion of expenses listed in the report, Greg mentioned that the price of the Clague meeting room was \$15, which was less than budgeted. Greg moved and Frank seconded approval of the treasurer's report. The board voted unanimously for approval.
2. **Discussion of Treasurer and Mailing list** - Wendy Carmen has indicated that if anyone is interested in taking over the treasurer position that she would be happy to pass the torch. In connection with the treasurer position which includes maintaining the mailing list, there was a discussion of attempting to expand our reach via either the website or an updated mailing list. Martin mentioned Facebook as place for discussion of local issues. Pete suggested creating a neighborhood message board. Martin agreed to serve as treasurer and to maintain the mailing list going forward.
3. **May Newsletter discussion** - All agreed that the newsletter looks good, and thanked Emily for putting it together.
4. **September Newsletter Planning** - The Board discussed potential articles which would include a Fall Festival preview, a 2nd ward candidate forum preview in the Jane Lumm/Sally Petersen race, and Thurston Nature Center update.
5. **Annual Meeting Planning** -- Kirk Westphal will speak at the June meeting. Jack will do a sign to promote the meeting. Kirk will speak in the library. Thurston agreed to have the library available. To vote, residents need to be paid members of OHMHA.
6. **Online membership payment** -- Jack will send out an email to make folks aware of Paypal availability to renew membership. Residents can specify for what year a payment is applied to.
7. **Community Forum** - Jack referenced an email that he had sent earlier, and suggested that we participate again.
8. **Garage Sale Report** - This year had a bit less participation than previous years. One sign is missing. The board spent \$27 on an ad in the Ann Arbor News.
9. **Georgetown Entrance** - Jerry indicated that the current wall no longer complies with local zoning ordinance. He talked to Wendy Rampson and will talk to Jane

Lumm about options to repair, modify or replace. Any work may require a variance.

10. **Thurston Nature Center** – Frank spoke about the status of the project. AAPS has posted the request for proposals. Work will start in June. The closing bid date is May 18. The work will include digging two channels on the east and west sides (six foot wide and four foot deep), a sediment bay and a valve. A Yale alumni group and girl scouts have volunteered.
11. **Next meeting** – The date was set for Sept 8.