

Minutes for the November 10, 2016 Orchard Hills-Maplewood Board Meeting at Clague Middle School

Present – Frank Commiskey, Greg Jagst, Pete Mooney, Emily Eisbruch, Jennifer Oldham, Martin Torch-Ishii, Wendy Carman, Jerry Schulte, Jack Cederquist and Amy Seetoo

1. Agenda -- Jack Cederquist moved and Wendy Carmen seconded approval, followed by unanimous approval.
2. Minutes – Amy Seetoo suggested two corrections to the minutes as presented prior to the meeting by Pete Mooney, which were accepted without debate. Jerry Schulte moved approval with the corrections and Jack Cederquist seconded followed by unanimous approval.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Martin Torch-Ishii presented the report, noting that OHMHA collected \$200 in membership renewals at the Fall Festival. He added that the Association went slightly over budget on the Festival. Martin reminded the Board of his move to Portland, Oregon next year, but added that he wasn’t sure when he was leaving. He said that he would continue his role as treasurer until then. Jack moved approval of the Treasurer’s report and Pete seconded, followed by unanimous approval.
4. Fall Festival Report – Greg Jagst reported on the Festival. Regarding Martin’s observation that costs were a bit more than last year Greg indicated that both tents had to be on set up on asphalt, which increased the expense. On other issues, he noted that Praveena Ramaswami spent the entire time of the festival face painting kids, and may need a break in the future if anyone else is available to help her. Greg also mentioned honoring Ann Arbor Police Community Relations Officer Tom Hickey at the next event as he is retiring. The Festival this year overlapped with the Kiwanis 5k fun run, which raised \$2000. Frank Commiskey indicated \$1000 of that went to Clague Middle School to be used to help families at the school including to provide for scholarships for kids who can’t afford to go on a Washington, DC trip. Thurston Elementary School also received \$1000 from the fun run.
5. Newsletter – The next issue will have an annual report by Greg, a garage sale blurb, a piece about folks not keeping their dogs on leashes, an update on new construction on Nixon and an article on the removal of playground equipment from Sugarbush Park and the replacement of the bench for hockey players at Thurston Pond.

There was discussion about the importance of dogs being kept on leashes and of folks cleaning up after their pets.

6. Wall Update - Jerry Schulte indicated that we are still waiting for signed authorization from the resident on the west side of Georgetown/Plymouth before we can go to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

7. Five-year memberships - There was a discussion of offering five-year memberships versus one year, but it was decided that doing so would be an administrative burden.

8. Nixon Road developments - Jack discussed the status of developments along Nixon north of Green. Jack indicated that a proposed purchase of land from the City as part of the Woodbury Club development has not closed. He indicated that the City's consultant is doing a traffic study. Finally, he said that there is a public meeting scheduled on November 29 at 7 pm at Clague with the traffic consultant in attendance.

9. Thurston Nature Center - Frank indicated that the biggest current issue is getting a replacement bench for hockey players to put on their skates. There is no bench yet, but funds are in place. A fence is in place to protect kids from falling into the pond in an area of deep water. Sandy Breck has taken over the butterfly garden. He added that a local Eagle Scout candidate is building a kiosk as a scouting project. There was a discussion of the "bounciness" of the bridge.

10 Next Meeting - Will be February 9, 2017 at 7 pm at Clague Middle School.

11. Round Robin - The longest discussion was about whether to formally connect with the Nixon Area Alliance.