

West Lansing Homeowners Association

FINAL MINUTES

Meeting: Tuesday March 18th, 2014

7:30 @ NYCC CR 1 – Hollow Square

Administration:

Attendance: Dimos Z.; Pauline Noonan; Wendy Wright; Scott Winhold; Lauren Israel; Ronit Barzelay; Vanessa Clark; Kathryn Atkinson; Phil Horgan

REGRETS: Jason Campbell; Mike Capotosto

Guests: Kevin Beattie

Approve FEBRUARY Minutes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - PHIL

- Coalition of Homeowners Associations are meeting to discuss the best approach to the various governmental agencies in order to keep the ball rolling and the financing of the different phases regarding the 401 Flyover Pass - Correspondence to Kathleen Wynne/Zimmer/Minister of Transport re: 401 Flyover Pass – Current Updates
 - o Discussion on letters sent by Coalition of Associations; letter received by Zimmer, and discussion on next move by the Coalition, and the WLHA opinion of such. WLHA met with Wynne a few years ago, and the thinking is there is money allocated to this via City, but waiting for Ontario to commit. The province appears to drag it heels. In dispute is who owns the land for the flyover ramp and the highway entrance. Stepping up pressure prior to election call.
 - o We need commitment for phase 2 – EA shared cost before looking at next phase.
 - o Non profit group re: car sharing to ease gridlock may be able to come aboard to support this issue. Kevin asked to be kept abreast of these meetings.

- Metrolinks Stakeholder Meeting – Update – not a positive experience. The meeting was full of professional engineers, professors, 2 Homeowner Associations and blogger. Contractors etc. There was only one rep from TTC (low level), one rep from YRT/GO, 10 people from Metrolinks. Phil had a list of questions after the presentation on how this would go over with the public, but after people started asking questions, they refused to answer, and Metrolinks wanted feedback on their presentation. A disappointment. Told them he would wait for the public meetings and return.

Director's Report

Pauline – Community/Beautification Report

- 2nd Fillion Meeting re: Gwendolen Park City has drawn up plan for walking track, to be dug down and mulched, to run the periphery of the park, paved behind the tennis courts, granite ping pong table over by playground. The parks people discussed the equipment bidding. They don't want something that will encourage cyclists, and will be low maintenance. Brought large posters, better proposals, equipment choices, exercises stations, for teenage/adult use. Community has approved this plan, city has the money, and now they are putting this out to bid. Once snow goes, and ground solid, they will be

starting and do the work in stages. They will put in new picnic benches. Looking into fixing/repairing baseball diamond. Discussion about lighting belonging to Transportation and Hydro. Probably trim the trees to increase lighting from existing street lamps. Could WLHA get a salt/sand box there or something that would keep with path ice-free?

Vanessa – Treasurer Report

- 11,275.00 in bank received 160.00 in coming
- 513.00 expenses flyer, family skate party,

- o Still want an annual re-newal date, cash/cheque/paypal
- o Still experiencing problems with A Drive – Kathryn is taking over membership list updates

Kathryn -

- OMB Meeting Update
- Newsletter opens rate
- New members updated list

Unfinished Business

- Phil received some queries regarding the WLHA boundaries. After reviewing the existing wording, two options were presented at the meeting. The majority chose the following:
 - o MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO HOME-OWNERS IN WEST LANSING. WE ARE BOUND BY YONGE STREET TO THE EAST, 401 TO THE SOUTH, SHEPPARD TO THE NORTH AND EARL BALES PARK RAVINE TO THE WEST. We are approximately 1050 homes.
- A change to the Constitution was presented in November's Board Meeting. The purpose of the change is to create a position on the Board which would be specifically for someone who would want to eventually take over the President's position. The duties involved in this position would be to attend meetings with the President at various government/community levels, and to chair Board Meetings should the President be unavailable.
 - o Suggested was the wording of this position. Phil presented the title: Vice-President (Administrative), however, Board Members felt this was incorrect, and that as we already have a Vice-President's position, that the current V.P. should step down if he isn't interested in the eventual President's position. Both Phil and Kevin adamantly objected to this suggestion, and would consider renaming the current V.P. title to reflect – V.P. – Entertainment.
 - o Another suggestion from Board members was to call the title: "Executive Board Member". Much discussion around this ensued
 - o Phil was encouraged to describe current role as President. Daily involvement includes correspondence (community/government/Board/special interest groups), weekly meetings, participation in various projects, overseeing/helping with set up and/or tear down of WLHA activities. The workload is quite intense, and it was felt that a special title would add weight and credibility to anyone wishing to take on this role and communicate on behalf of the President.
 - o The reason for this role, is as Phil stated, he came into the President's role cold, and found that he had limited support and had to create relationships from scratch, pick up existing projects and meet Board members expectations all within his spare time. And as this is a volunteer position and he already has 2 full time jobs he had to juggle many things at the same time. Before Phil took over the role, this position was abruptly left vacant, and a past president had to step in until Phil came forward. No one else wanted the position. Because of this experience, Phil does not wish this to happen to

anyone else, should he decide to step down. WLHA needs someone interested and trained to take over.

New Business

- Complaints re: Money Mart/Buy & Sell Gold on Yonge Street at Franklin/Florence (in addition to complaints about Body Shops) – the Board feels there is nothing WLHA can do about these businesses, and it was noted that the East side of Yonge, with the Condominiums have better businesses because of the clientele and needs expectation .
- It may be, as with Emerald Park Condo's occupation that newer and better businesses will open.
- Community Clean Up - Scott talked to Will, and is registering on line. April 26th – looking for volunteers

Next Board Meeting – Wednesday April 28th, 2014 @ 7:30

Meeting adjourn 8:48 p.m.