

West Lansing Homeowners Association Agenda
February 2014 Minutes - FINAL
Meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2014
7:30 – 4 Gwendolen Crescent

Present: Phil Horgan/Mike Capotosto/Scott Winhold/Lauren Israel/Pauline Noonan/Kathryn Atkinson/Vanessa Clarke

Regrets: Dimos Zarkadas/Jason Campbell/Wendy Wright

Meeting Commence: 7:45 pm

Administration:

Approve January Minutes - unanimous

Phil Horgan - PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Signs have been requested for ice rink by the school principal. WLHA offered wording alternatives, however they were turned down by TDSB – signs are being made and will be there for next year. The contract for renewal for rink is in the works to be approved
- Meeting coming up on Yonge Relief Line – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at MetroLinks office next Thursday evening. To discuss Yonge Relief Line...hand out passed around
- As the line is presently proposed, it does nothing to relieve the North York congestion problem; but should provide indirect relief south of Bloor. Phil is attending and asking WLHA to attend as well, if they can. Newsletter submission
- President's meeting in March to step up pressure to get 401 Flyover accomplished
- Electronic Signs – meeting/consultations on this, and is a distraction to drivers (at Sheppard and Yonge)
- Community Health Workshop – completed study with Pauline Craig – Toronto Health Nurse regarding getting alternate ways of getting around – she will have a booth at Earl Haig this Saturday – Help is Here (services and job opportunities available for students and community)
- Website – Boundaries Question wants wording changed. Approved

Mike Capotosto – Vice President's Report

- Family Skate day – both days had enthusiastic attendance.
- Cameron Spring Fair and Bar-B-Que – May 26th
- Approval for Earth Day posters \$250.00 – all in favour – unanimous
- March 29th – 8:00 set up - Mike can't attend, needs someone to prepare hot chocolate, Lauren can make it later to serve. Call Bonnie re: Photographer – Someone to talk to Greg Manbeck about preparation for this day.
- Waiting for warmer weather to give welcome packages to new residents

Scott Winhold

- Follow up meeting held February 12th and represented by WLHA, Scott Winhold, Pauline Nugent and Mike Capotosto for 57 Linelle or Mausoleum Property Development. The purpose for this meeting was a legal requirement to define changes from resident's input.
- Construction slated to start in a year.
- There will be 23 Luxury Townhomes and will allow for 50 cars.
- Would this have an impact over the 401/flyover ramp? Hopefully, the Ministry of Transportation will take a look at this land for one of their options..
- Last year, residents overwhelmingly voted in favour for option "B", which is listed here:
Option B–Use the city's one-foot reserve to negotiate with the developer.

Pauline Noonan – Beautification

- Attended Feb. 13/14 meeting held at Lawrence and Bayview
- Councillor Jaye Robinson hosted meeting about Tree Canopy (after the Ice Storm).
- Hilary Cunningham-Sharper, U of T professor & Clayton Ruby succeeded in getting a new ruling on tree ownership. This is a Landmark Ruling defines the ownership of a tree not just by property, but by root system (ie when roots & trunk straddle 2 properties).
- Several different groups for saving our Tree Canopy exist – 4ourgrandchildren & LEAF (backyard trees) were also present at the meeting
- Urban Forestry – we will have problems if we don't maintain and improve our tree canopy. The city has a reserve fund, partly for cleaning up after the storm, and planting new trees.
- Laura White, our city rep. with Urban Forestry, will help us with blitzing West Lansing neighbourhood with new trees applications. In spite of the need for more trees on some of our flankage streets, we still need to have owner sign-offs for city blvds. There are various smaller trees that have shallow root system, and can attract birds and insects and will have a positive impact on our eco system
- Links already exist on West Lansing website for Leaf and the Free tree application
- Pauline has a box of application flyers, as well as flyers are made for the spring leaf bags campaign.
- We should get a newsletter out tonight to advise members that rainfall will begin tomorrow at 2:00 p.m., Filion put out a tweet regarding clearing catch basins etc.

Kathryn Atkinson – Recording Secretary

- Membership list renewal and noted increase in membership through PayPal.
- Membership list requires updating, and will ask Frank Bruni about Constant Contact applications for distributions and have noticed that some residents who have forwarded newsletter through email forward button are automatically unsubscribed.
- Will continue to send renewal notices on a monthly basis.
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Vanessa Clarke-Treasurer Report

- Membership renewal date – Possibility of changing renewal date to June 30th on members expiry year? Voted down as tried before and failed.
- Banking situation now changed over to new Treasurer's name.
- Membership renewal notices sent, Members have renewed by Paypal/Cash/Cheque
- Cheques and cash have been delivered in person to Vanessa's home.
- Sent out thank you letter to those who renewed.

New Business

- Summer Blitz for membership renewal – month of June leading up to Canada picnic, or before Spring Fair in early May? –
- BOARD AGREED MID MAY – SATURDAY AFTERNOON – ASKING FOR 10 STUDENT VOLUNTEERS BLITZING 7 EAST/WEST STREETS
- Offer a small party for student volunteers and then present them with Volunteer Letters
- Bring 2 sided flyers advertising Spring Fair and Canada Day, leave them with residents or at the door for the non-answers.

Unfinished Business

- Phil – Amendments to the Constitution – not enough people at meeting. Phil will put out email informing everyone what changes to be considered.
- Scott Winhold volunteered for Community Clean Up in Spring – Will Trainter, 51 Cameron Avenue – Kathryn to send Will's email info to Scott, in order to coordinate clean up on same day. Clean Up focused on Franklin/Gwendolen/Ravine/Cameron School. And Scott will coordinate Bags/Gloves/City Pick up date.
 - o Advertise for Student Volunteers through newsletter
- Earth Hour – Confirming Volunteer – Greg Manbeck

Next Meeting – Tuesday March 18th

- Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.