

Eastmorland Community Association Monthly Meeting – August 14, 2018

Minutes

Board Directors & Officers:	Bobbi Nowak
Kathy Soukup, President	Carrie Ezzell
Fred Svensson, Vice Presiden	Grant Foster
Dan Zimmerman, Treasurer and Secretary	Kris Whitman
	Bryn Thompson
	Patrick Soukup

1. Call to order and call for changes to the agenda

Five Board Directors/Officers were present: Kathy Soukup, Fred Svensson, Dan Zimmerman, Bryn Thompson, and Patrick Soukup; a quorum was established. One item was added to the agenda: 1) Report on the Planning Commission hearing to add outdoor seating to the restaurant/tavern, the Horseshoe Bar, at 3900 Dempsey Road – Kathy Soukup.

2. Review and approval of minutes of the July 10, 2018 meeting

Mr. Soukup moved to approve the minutes “as is”. Mr. Woolsey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Update on the neighborhood sign

Mr. Woolsey reported that he got together with the sign maker, who has completed the making of the sign, but has not yet installed it as the sign maker is waiting for final approval from the city as to the location for the sign. The cost of the sign and installation is less than was anticipated, so there is some additional funds available for plants that will go around the sign. Mr. Woolsey is working on purchasing plants.

4. Update from city staff on the Milwaukee Street redevelopment plan

Mr. Dan McAuliffe, the project manager in the city planning division for the Milwaukee Street Special Area Plan, reviewed slides from the last public hearing and answered questions from the attendees. A description of the plan approval process with a project schedule and links to the PowerPoint slides from the public hearings may be found at <http://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/milwaukee-st-special-area-plan/2720/>. Please review the meeting materials below then **provide your comments in the online survey.**

[Land use concepts,](#)

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The primary points Mr. McAuliffe made are:

- Many city committees and commissions (e.g., the Plan Commission, the Common Council, etc.) need to approve the plan. The staff will present the plan to the Plan Commission on August 20th at 5:30. The Plan Commission’s agenda may be found at <https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=A&ID=575057&GUID=4629D1A1-B9DE-4991-A0AD-B324675E71F3> and the materials on the Special Plan may be found at

<https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3525866&GUID=C081D89D-3404-4BEE-8989-79A88E1CE3B3>.

- The plan provides a framework for the development of the area, but is not binding on developers in the same manner that zoning codes are binding.
- Mr. McAuliffe had a discussion with officials with the US Postal Service. While the responsibility of sorting of letters went to Milwaukee, the sorting of packages remains at the main post office in Madison. The post office has no plans to move the main post office from its existing location.
- The Parks Department is responsible for planning related to the upland area of the special plan and the Engineering Department is responsible for planning related to the wetland areas of the special plan. There have been discussions with the Parks, Engineering, and Traffic Engineering Departments regarding the special plan area, although there is not information on the website at this time regarding the plans of these other departments.

Mr. Woolsey presented many objections regarding one of the options for the special plan that is predicated on Woodman's deciding to relocate and suggests extending Dawes Street to Silver Road and Buckingham Lane through to Milwaukee Street:

- 776 persons signed a petition in 1989 opposing a road running from Milwaukee Street behind the Woodman's property and over to Dempsey Road; the city agreed not to have such a road at the time. The proposed option includes a proposal for such road extensions. The neighborhood should not have to reargue this point.
- The proposed road extensions will divide Eastmorland Park into three segments so children will have to cross a street, and possibly two streets, in order to make use of all areas of the existing park. Also, ball diamond and the playground will be separated by a road and both of these areas will bring park-goers into close proximity with the road with a potential for accidents.
- Currently, Dawes Street functions as a bike path from O.B. Sherry Park to the Hwy. 51 overpass bridge with little competition from cars. If Dawes Street is extended to Silver Road, there will be increased car traffic that will compete with bikes.
- Increased traffic that is expected from the proposed extensions will decrease the peace and quiet for pedestrians and homeowners in the neighborhood.
- Homeowners already have place signs along the terrace along Buckingham Lane asking drivers to slow down. If Buckingham Lane is extended to Milwaukee Street making it more of a throughway, it is anticipated that traffic and speeds of drivers will increase.
- Short of filling in the marsh area of Eastmorland Park, no gain in park land is expected given the use of some of the existing park land will be taken for roads.
- Buckingham Lane and Dawes Street already have reasonable access to Milwaukee Street. An extension of these roads is not necessary.
- The proposal will require a bridge over the drainage ditch that is parallel to Silver Street, which will result in an increase in standing water in the drainage ditch and an improvement mosquito habitat.

5. Treasurer's Report

	Balance as of 07/31/2018	This month		Total
		Contributions	Ad Revenue	
General fund	\$14,889.43	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$14,899.43
Save the Park Ash Trees	\$5,042.26	\$180.00		\$5,222.26
Total Checking/Savings	\$19,931.69			\$20,121.69
Paypal account (ash trees)	\$0.00	\$350.00		\$350.00
Accounts Overdue			\$90.13	\$90.13
Checks not Cashed (Liability)	\$0.00	\$201.49		\$201.49
Prepaid ads	\$1,744.10			\$1,744.10
Balance	\$18,277.72	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$18,817.72

Mr. Zimmerman reported that total amount raised to date to treat the neighborhood ash trees (see the above table) is \$5,592.26. Ms. Soukup reported that the proposed cost from Tree Health Management to complete the treatment of the ash trees is \$5,596.12, which leaves \$403.86 to be raised. **Mr. Svensson moved to have ECA provide additional funds to cover the treatment of the ash trees in CY 2018 beyond the amount of funds raised for this purpose, if necessary. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. Discussion of an annual budget

This agenda item was tabled.

7. Call for agenda items for the September 11th meeting

In addition to the regular business agenda items (e.g., approval of the prior meeting's minutes), the following items were identified: 1) Update on the neighborhood sign; and 2) Development of an annual budget.

Adjourned at 9:00.

Submitted by Dan Zimmerman, Secretary