I. CALL TO ORDER AND ZOOM ROLL CALL.
• A quorum of members was not present. Mr. Strazdas suggested proceeding with discussions about the agenda items but advised that no official decisions could be made without a quorum.

II. EDITING AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR JUNE 9, 2022.
• Postponed.

III. EDITING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 12, 2022.
• Postponed.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT.
Operations
• Mr. Sauber advised there was more mowing and weed whacking in May. There have been lots of beer bottles, rolling papers and fireworks in the Preserve. Campus police should be contacted to report these issues. Maybe they can increase patrols of the Preserve in the evening to help prevent problems.
• There is a balance of over $12,000 for maintenance in the Preserve. The balance will carry over to July 1, the start of the new fiscal year. The Council can request more funds from the Foundation next month.

Projects
• The memorial trees have been planted and the survey has been completed so those items have been removed from the agenda.

V. OLD BUSINESS.
 a. Project Updates.
 i. Storm Water Project.
• Representative Rogers’ office reported no significant progress yet in the search for funding for the storm water project. They are hopeful that between now and the November election a funding source will be located.
• This project needs to be bid out in the winter when the contractors aren’t as busy. The bid should be awarded in the spring. There is a lot of wetland area involved so this project should be done in the summertime when there is usually less rain. The materials should be delivered in the spring and stored so they are available when the project begins.
• Representative Rogers is running for re-election in November and hopefully she will find money for this project before the election.

 ii. Land Management Plan Committee.
• Postponed.
iii. **Ecological Study.**
- Mr. Bassett and Mr. Sauber marked the plots for Orbis. The contractor completed the forested plot sampling on May 23rd.

iv. **Garlic Mustard Pull.**
- Mr. Strazdas thanked Ms. Holmes and ALPA for working on this project. If there is a balance of funds for this project, those funds will go back into the budget for the next fiscal year. Ms. Holmes wasn’t able to provide an update due to technical difficulties.
- Mr. Sauber stated that the hole where the Garlic Mustard was dumped will probably be filled in next week, but that doesn’t take much money.

v. **Sign Committee.**
- Postponed.

vi. **Trails Management Committee.**
- Mr. MacNellis stated that there are five more projects pending with OCBA (O’Boyle, Cowell, Blalock & Associates). Some of the projects are small, the largest one is a proposal to expand the parking lot by the Parkview entrance to the Preserve. That project will move up in importance. There are also five shovel-ready projects for the trails.
- The subcommittee will prioritize the projects and present them to the Council for review. There is money left over from the trails project last year, but there is not enough to do the second phase of the project. We will wait to see what other projects are a priority.
- The subcommittee didn’t come to a final consensus as to which project will take priority. The next project will probably be the expansion of the Parkview parking lot, which will be pricey.
- Mr. Strazdas suggested prioritizing the projects at a future meeting and keeping the Council up to date on how the designs are going. The Parkview lot would be increased from 12 to 28 spots. It will pave over the area where the memorial tree was just planted, but it should be easy to move compared to a bigger tree.
- The OCBA preliminary plan is not ready for review and discussion at this point. It isn’t necessary to have 28 spaces, but that number was in the proposal. The subcommittee met with OCBA and showed them the projects they needed details about. OCBA provided enough details so the subcommittee could see they were going in the right direction. OCBA was told to go ahead and plan the 28-space lot.
- When OCBA has the 50% drawings, they will meet with the subcommittee again. When they get to the 90% drawings, the subcommittee will look at recommendations to the Council and the Council can provide input.
- Mr. Kreuzer expressed an interest in joining the trails subcommittee. He inquired how far to the north the parking lot will be extended. Mr. MacNellis stated that the subcommittee doesn’t have those details yet. Some fences were eliminated, and some railing was added. OCBA has the go-ahead to do more with the design.
- At the 90% level the subcommittee will bring the plan to the Council for review. The cost of the project should be available at that time. Between 90% and 100% completion this plan will cost more due to the details that are required at that point.

vii. **Water Quality Testing with WMU Class.**
- Mr. Kohler has $200 for this project, which will begin soon.
b. Beaver Deceiver Update.
- Mr. Sauber visited the site with the contractor, Allen Frazier, from Fulton Excavating. The contractor is estimating that it will cost $6,500 to put in a 40-foot-section of dual-wall vinyl pipe, 14 inches in diameter, to replace the 20-foot-section of existing pipe. It is better to have one section of pipe. The cost for just the pipe was estimated to be $2,600. WMU steam fitters would not do that type of work.
- Mr. Strazdas stated that this would be an operational cost. He cautioned against micro-managing this project since that could cause further delays in getting it done.
- Mr. MacNellis advised that the existing pipe cost about $200. The $6,500 estimate is too high. A coupler can be used to add a section of pipe, which would cost approximately $600. Holes were made in the existing pipe with a hammer so it would sink.
- It was suggested that if there are no volunteers, landscape services personnel could be hired to do the work. Mr. Sauber, Mr. MacNellis, and Mr. Kreuzer offered to help with the work.
- Mr. Hampton suggested hiring a contractor with liability coverage, even if it costs $6,500. He was in favor of getting the project done as soon as possible.
- Mr. Strazdas suggested that Mr. Sauber could contact Fulton Excavating to discuss ways to decrease the cost estimate, such as using single-wall pipe, and get the project completed. Mr. Sauber can get the materials for the project.

c. Parking on Winchell Ave.
- Mr. Strazdas forwarded information from Ms. Holmes regarding the parking situation on Winchell. It suggests calling the City and responding to the Oakland Drive Winchell Neighborhood Association (ODWNA). Before that call could be made, the City contacted ALPA this afternoon.
- Ms. Holmes was having audio issues and was not able to provide details. Mr. Kreuzer stated that the letter was a request from ALPA to the Council to inquire of the City regarding the status of this issue. It was a planning decision. They had a similar situation with the Tehrani property and the decision was reversed. Is there motivation within the Council to support the city’s parking proposal on Winchell?
- The Council will have to wait for a quorum before a decision and vote can be taken. Christina Anderson, City Planner, provided the letter from the city.

d. Indigenous peoples.
- Ms. Shattuck’s students worked on a report regarding indigenous people on the Preserve property. Two documents were developed by the students. One of the documents focuses on the plants and how the Indians might have used them.
- The second document, from Kennedy Williams, focuses on who the indigenous communities were in this area. That document also covers the use of fire for land management. Indigenous people used fire on the land to maintain Oak openings, nut trees and berry bushes.
- The Council can decide, when a quorum is present, if they want to post these documents on the history website. More editing will be done on the second document, particularly the introductory section. The web pages can be updated to incorporate recognition of indigenous history and traditional ecological land management practices. This information might inspire research projects of indigenous history in the area.
- Ms. Shattuck spoke with an environmental manager from the Nottawaseppi Huron Band. They are less interested in having people contact them for information than they are in doing joint research projects. In the future it would be nice to see a core analysis of the old seed bank to find out what might have been there prior to the farm settlement.
- The Anishinaabe Indians seeded wild rice where it might not have been distributed naturally. It would be interesting to find out if wild rice had been growing in Asylum Lake or Little Asylum Lake. The Council can vote on these ideas later. Suggestions on improving the language are welcome.
• Johnson Haas, Carla Koretsky and Tiffany Schriever would have the skills to help with the coring project to determine if wild rice was present in the seed bank at Asylum Lake. The Council can take action on these suggestions when a quorum is present.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.
  a. Application for Preserve Use.
     • An application was received from the Geological Sciences Department for the annual hydrogeology field course. Mr. Kohler and Mr. Lemberg approved the application. The Council can vote on it later.
     • The date for the field course has varied, sometimes it is in May but this year it will be held on July 11th. The Council will not be meeting in July so an e-mail vote will be taken.

VII. NEXT ONLINE MEETING.
  • The next meeting is scheduled for August 11th. The Council can meet remotely or at the landscape services breakroom. An e-mail will be sent to all voting members of the Council asking if they would like to meet in person or if they prefer to meet on-line.

VIII. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS.
  • Mr. Kreuzer inquired as to the status of the Management Plan. The communication from Mr. Bassett stated that the subcommittee provided comments on the draft plan. The suggested changes were tracked, and Mr. Heslinga will incorporate the subcommittee members’ comments. Mr. Heslinga is aiming to be 90% done with the plan by the end of this summer.
  • Mr. Kreuzer inquired if noise pollution and light pollution are being addressed in the plan. Mr. MacNellis advised that a suggestion was made to plant evergreens along Drake Rd. to help limit noise and light pollution. Concern was expressed that the evergreens would limit air movement across the prairie and cause other issues. Mr. MacNellis stated that he thought the evergreens would have minimal impact and that he supports the idea of planting evergreens.
  • The contractor will inventory the same transects that Mr. Bassett did when he worked for Native Connections. There will be an inventory of plants in the prairie and at Asylum Lake and that can be compared to what Mr. Bassett did in 2008 and 2009.
  • Mr. Kreuzer noted that the common Eastern Cedar is the main evergreen in those locations. There might be some native Michigan species of evergreens.
  • BTR2 will increase traffic on Drake Rd. and there is potential development at Drake and Stadium Drive. Noise and light pollution are important in peoples’ perspectives. The evergreens won’t reduce a lot of noise, but they provide a visual element to show that something is being done to reduce noise and light in the Preserve.
  • Projects that are being done in the Preserve are an example for the community. This is a great opportunity to set a good example. The Preserve is the largest green space in the City of Kalamazoo.
  • Mr. Strazdas is retiring in a couple of weeks. He wants to help finish the Land Management Plan and the Stormwater Plan.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS.
  • None.

X. ADJOURNMENT.
  • The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.