

MPNO Meeting – Minutes 3/9/16

Present: Officers Natalie Molnar and Ellen Gallavan; 6 neighbors

February meeting minutes approved

Officer reports:

- **Ellen** – I met with Paul Kolar and we are making plans for the community garden for this season; more signs, hiring someone to mow; meeting dates will be planned soon.
- **Matthias** – (via Natalie) He is putting the newsletter together. There is a meeting this Saturday at 9:30 at St. Casimir to set up for the Easter Egg hunt on 3/19 at Moores Park. 2 more volunteers are needed.
- **Natalie** – 1) Met with Clara from the Mayor's office to discuss Love Your Block grant for the entrance signs at Sparrow and MLK, and Washington and Barnes. Tim P., a mason, is on board for brick work. We hope to have the signs up before **Neighborhood Pride Week - May 16-20th**. Still need permits. 2) Applications will be out soon for the "Love Lansing" awards. Many categories

New Business:

- The revision to the bylaws was passed. The major change was to the meeting dates – we will now meet as a whole group in March, June, and September. Committees will meet as needed.
- Nominations were accepted for 2016/2017 officers. The nominees are:
 - President: Natalie Molnar
 - Vice President: Matthias Bell
 - Treasurer: David Potts
 - Secretary: Michael Prohaska
- Susan presented information on "Green and healthy homes" initiative. They are doing a pilot – before they can get a grant, they must prove they can take care of 10 houses. Especially interested in homes with children. Can do energy audits and lead abatement, among other tasks. Applications available also in Spanish and Arabic. Apply through the county health dept.
- Need people to take care of the perennial beds at the pool.
- Matthias – would like info for the newsletter: garden; dam project, Parks update; "Friends of MP and Pool"; nominations, etc.
- Gamaliel – would like signage at Park that requests that people not to smoke or drink alcohol; there are laws but the city can't enforce them. He also suggested that some banners be put on the street light poles saying "Moores Park Neighborhood".
- Natalie has been nominated for a "Bea Christy" award. The ceremony is on March 11th at Pattengill

Meeting adjourned