

MPNO Meeting – Minutes 6/8/16

Present: Officers Natalie Molnar, Matthias Bell, and Ellen Gallavan; 9 neighbors

March meeting minutes approved

Officer reports:

- **Natalie** – 1) We received \$1,800 from the Mayor's grant for Porch Fest. We will purchase a popcorn machine and projector 2) Tim – the mason – called & is moving forward with our sign on the 300 block of Barnes (at Todd). Was approved by the city. MDOT will not allow a brick column at MLK & Sparrow. 3) Neighborhood "meet ups" have been well attended.
- **Matthias** – the newsletter is done; was printed at the Lansing School district printing shop. This issue will be mailed. Next newsletter to come out in the fall. Natalie received an award from Tru Green.
- **From Dave** – He renewed our PO box and paid the web fees.
- **Ellen** – We have fewer gardeners this year. Weeds are a real problem in the empty plots. Paul and Ellen will look into a solution. The only interest in potlucks was for one to host a teaching on canning and preserving. Jack Taylor is doing some extra mowing for us.

New business:

- Elections – The new slate of officers was voted on and approved: President: Natalie Molnar, Vice President: Matthias Bell, Treasurer: David Potts, Secretary: Michael Prohaska
- Summer events – 1) The pool opens June 13th. Hours: 12-4; 5-7. Ice cream social at pool June 18th. 2) Concert in the Park with the LUVS – June 22nd, 6-9 pm. Food vendors, massages, Reach Art. Parks department will be in charge. Parking on grass OK. Rain date next day. MPNO will sell popsicles and water – need volunteers. 3) Porch fest – planning meeting on the 20th. Need host sites. Need volunteer musicians. Will put out host site applications. **NEED HELP!**
- Next regular meeting September 14th at 6:30pm
- The Mayor is looking for people to be on committees.

- “World Cafe” – addresses problems in Lansing. Website: Action of Greater Lansing.
- REO town – new salon opening. Reo town talent show at the Robin Theater. New coffee shop, tile shop. June 18th & 19th – beer fest. Arts night out in August – looking for artists and musicians.

Communications – Have website, newsletter, list serve (lost some folks from it), facebook, and Twitter. Facebook has main page and “group” page. One comment : the garden news was hard to find.

Park and pool – We developed a plan for the Park to present to the Parks Department. It will cost \$800,000 to fix the pool and bring it up to ADA standards. The stone work repairs in the park would cost \$100,000.

Neighborhood Watch – We have a new CPO – Officer Jonathan LaCross. The next watch meeting is next week.

Meeting adjourned