

ENO general membership meeting May 7 2014

Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Minutes- Change CBDG to CDBG. Accepted with the change

No City council, Sparrow reports

Website- is enoonline.org

Facebook is Eastside Neighborhood Organization

Presentations:

119th Armory Park – Brian Baer It was a park now owned by the LSD. They do minimum maintenance for it now. It is used as an informal dog park. FYN and Eastfield are working together on this project. Last fall they had a meeting of ideas with MSU professor and the students. The MSU Students took the ideas back and have come up with some suggestions of what to do with it. It would be done in phases. Finish the circle; use the basketball court as a picnic area. Fix playground equipment. Fence in a large area so the dog owners can still use it. Finish the track. Have a picnic area in two spots. Rain gardens all around the entire area including lots of trees and butterfly garden. Benches all around, make nice formal entrances around the park. The plan is to first on May 17th work day 9-2 using the mayor's grant to plant some trees and such. The 2nd step is to meet with the LSD to see what they think about the plan. 3rd is to remove the asphalt curb 4th is to then start working on writing grants, find people to work on resources for it. Please remember that this is a work in progress. No final decisions have been made at this time. Some questions and comments were made about various parts of the project.

Introductions were made around the room.

Goats Oh My- Brian McGrain- County commissioners are considering an ordinance for urban goat ownership. They had a public meeting about it a few weeks. It is not up for consideration at this time. They are waiting until there is a new animal control director so they could weigh in on it. Jamie McAloon Lampman had some concerns before she left. The main one was how to monitor it since they have their hands full to do the ones they already have. Discussion was held with questions and comments. Brian gave some information about different ideas of details for the ordinance. Please let your county commissioner know your thoughts for or against the issue. They are not expecting this to move forward until at least fall.

Questions and Comments from residents:

Question about if the Facebook group can be made into an open group instead of a closed group. We will look into it. Brian makes a motion to open up the facebook page. 2nd by Denise it passed. It will be changed tonight/ tomorrow.

Neighborhood groups- how were some of them developed and how the boundaries were formed. There is a respect not to overlap boundaries. Many started in the 1980-90's. Discussion was held about it.

ENO Newspaper- Ad and articles are due May 30th. June 6th it will be sent out. Please feel free to send it out to others.

Land use - Quad meetings still going on. County commissioners, State Rep, City Council Nancy and Joan They keep talking about the schools. Medical marijuana and some of the properties on MI ave are two of the last topics being discussed.

Finance- Treasurer's Report- There is no report. Theresa was unable to be here tonight.

Police advisory board meeting- Nancy The city will be split into 4 sectors that the police dept will be going be. Kzoo and Penn D-Tak program this is the new area to be focused on. It basically deals with traffic, crime, can put extra cameras. There is a New CPO in the kzoo area, Officer Hamilton. they just hired 14 officers with 7 more in the next couple of months. There are 4 more CPO in areas around the city with one in the Potter Walsh area. Nancy met with Officer Backus for writing a grant to have with groups. They wrote a letter of understanding with ENO and the LPD. The grant will help with equipment and such to do their job better.

On Monday, Nancy, Jane and Brian and others cleaned Vine, Sellers and such Nancy thanked them for all their help. They got 12 bags of trash. Nancy is asking help with cleaning out the homeless living under the viaduct. The area is covered in trash. So she is working with Lansing Township and LPD on a time to do it. There are streets lights going up on Vine and Sellers. She is also asking them to close off the underpass at Vine and Sellers.

Allen Neighborhood Center- Joan Nelson -There is 1 more indoor market then outdoors until in October. There will be Kids camps in Hunter Park this summer. Look in the Eastside Neighbor for lots of great events. Denise Paquette has emailed many of us about the information for the newsletter. She is new to the center.

County Commissioner- Brian- Health Dept director is new. There is Parks Miliage is being considered at their June meeting. Various County boards have openings for citizens to be on. Let Brian know if you are interested. They are on the fast track for approving the petition for the Montgomery Drain project.

Brian moved to adjourn Rock 2nd It passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Submitted by
Denise Kelley
ENO Secretary

