

ENO General Membership Meeting Minutes November 2, 2016

Meeting called to order by Nancy Mahlow at 6:59pm

Police Report- Officer Garrett Hamilton- Some B&Es have happened in the area but they have some good suspects. They are taking electronics and money out of house some have been drugs as well. Larcenies from vehicles are up so just a reminder to do common sense stuff such as making sure it is locked, no items in sight. Out of the cars they are taking change, electronics, cell phones, gift cards House Parties please get ahold of him to deal with it. A question was asked about does it help to keep porch lights on. Yes it does. It lets people know that someone is home. Is there still a law about parking in front of a fire hydrant? Yes please look out when driving around, Clemens especially. How often does he do a route? He goes different routes when he is on. He tries to be around when school gets out. Facebook page Michigan hates Bicycle thieves are a good place to use when looking for missing items. Keep a lookout for your neighbors and their homes that will help to stop the thieves. Holidays are arm robbery season- be aware of your surroundings when leaving work or a business. Drivers are speeding and driving recklessly and not sure what to do? Nancy brought it to the public service board and they did a study but did not see any issue. Nancy has asked them to come and sit out to watch. Citizen police academy- Starting Jan 12 each Thursday 6-9 till March 28th Field operations on Wise Rd office. It is an intro to LPD and working with community members. You will do ride alongs and other equipment to try it out as well as all the training and other items they do. You have to be 18 or older and live in the city of Lansing to apply.

City Council-Jody Washington 1st ward - 1st contact is this Saturday Nov. 5 at 10:30-12 at BWL Depot on S. Washington She has lots to discuss about what to do before the end of the year and leadership changes.

Holiday Party - Denise Kelley It is December 7th our next meeting. Please remember that it starts at 6pm. Please bring a dish to pass. ENO will provide the meat, beverages and table service.

Red Cross- Linda Lawrence They are doing lots of different things to help in the community. They are a crisis team. They go to fires and help the people. They have programs where they come into your home and help to prevent the chance of fires. They will put up to 3 smoke alarms in the house unless the fire dept is with them and tell them need more. The alarms are good for 10 yrs without changing the batteries. It takes about 20 minutes, NO cost to you they get them free. Nov. 11 they are doing a big install for military service members. They can teach you how to volunteer. They also ask questions to them about it and to help save lives by putting in a database. They also leave some information about cooking and draw a fire escape plan so that everyone knows to go. They also teach about prevention of flu and other diseases, flood safety and more. They are teaching now about ice and snow storms. They are going to senior groups to teach disaster preparedness for seniors by seniors. They go into the schools or anywhere that age groups and teach 3rd-5th graders usually but will go down to 1st grade and up to 6th if needed. They have teamed with Disney to be prepared for an emergency including tornados and escape routes in their homes. They give them a pillowcase to store items that they would need in an emergency and booklet to take home to get their families ready for a possible emergency. Tell your friends who are teachers or have kids in those grades to get the program to come to them. She also brought some contact sheets. They would bring door hangers to your neighborhood if you want to partner with them about the fire prevention program. Contact them about it. She was telling us about how they were helping with the fire happening tonight- She sent 6 people out to help. They will assess what the people need from them. Whether it is a 1 night stay at hotel (125 per person, hotel 175, comfort kit (hygiene type items, if kids' stuff, animals, blankets,

quilts, mittens, scarves, water, They also have retired nurses and social workers, that can help with mental health issues that may be part of the situation.

Hazard Mitigation Plan- Ronda Obliern City of Lansing- Do 1 thing calendars for next year are available.. They first did the Know Plan Act. First they made the knowing by talking to first responders and others about this plan. She passed out a survey but you can do it online as well. She is passing out stickers that we can put out thoughts on what is important to us to put on the forms. The forms were on the topics of Hazards, Elevation Structures, and Mitigation Priorities to choose which topics to work on for the city. An example is they just finished a project that is aback way to get animals and people out of potter park zoo if needed. She also passed out a form for people to update information to gage and what to do next. Storm water, flooding etc.... are some of them situations that are looking into. Better ways to send it down and what to do make it better. Clean out the storm catch basins will help. It was suggested to stop planting trees under power lines. Some guidelines have changed to help make it better. Take the survey to help them plan it out, please. In 20hrs you can be a CERT member, new class starts in Jan at 815 Marshall in the basement of Fire Station 8.

Nancy will try to have someone come to meeting from BWL to future meeting to discuss Tree trimming.

Bancroft Park changes-Brett, Kaschinske director for Lansing Parks and Rec-The pathway was just completed in the park. Current playground structure is on the east side of the park looking into changing it to another location in the park towards the front. The loop made of asphalt around the park is in bad shape. They are looking at redoing it. Changes would make the parking towards the front and move the playground to the other side of park. The other area could have strollers and such just no cars. Reroute drive to a 2 way instead of one way. Some of reasons why they are looking into changes are safety, it would eliminate cars from being able to go thru the park and dump stuff and other way to have a path that both people can walk on and drive on is not good either. Playground would be in a safer place. It would be passive vs Active. Pathway would be more passive usage and connect all the active items together. Keeping cars off the grass area- if they cut down to the parking area only then people could not pop the curb and could have posts or rocks to stop them. Bollards- They are to block off the vehicles installed on the north end. They are 2 gates at Francis park so it would be similar them those. They would be removable if emergency vehicles would be needed. Picture of what the playground might look like was shown. There have been some concerns about shading so that the playground is not in all sun. They would put a sidewalk to the parking lot. They would leave the physical fitness one there and move the other playground one. The Parks Board reviewed it at their last meeting. Rita O'Brien is here who is on the board. They will pave the whole loop. People gave their thoughts on this. The grills and such can be moved as well. There were some concerns but most of it was positive. They have preliminary estimates for the paving and moving the playground. They think there may be some issue that will make it go up due to ground issues, subsurface may be good or not. They would go to 10ft wide of the road with some shoulder. The back loop is now set for 8ft as a person mentioned. It could be cheaper if it is set for 8ft. They are aware of the shade issue and will look into it.

Meeting closed at 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by
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ENO secretary

