

	A neighborhood meeting of the Kalamazoo City Commission was held on Monday, July 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall, 241 W. South Street.
Roll Call	COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell David Anderson Erin Knott Shannon Sykes Jack Urban COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Don Cooney Matt Milcarek Also present were City Manager Jim Ritsema, City Attorney Clyde Robinson, and City Clerk Scott Borling.
Commissioners Excused	Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Sykes, moved to excuse the absences of Vice Mayor Cooney and Commissioner Milcarek. With a voice vote the motion passed.
Communications	An opportunity was given for miscellaneous communications, but no communications were offered.
Neighborhood Communications	Neighborhood communications were received next. Representatives from the following neighborhood associations were present and addressed the City Commission: <u>Arcadia Neighborhood Association</u> Grace Gheen, Secretary/Treasurer <u>Community Youth</u> Yasmine Abdullah Bush Tanner Luther Libby McFarland Marcel Taylor <u>Lakeside Beach Corporation</u> Jim McIntyre, President Corinne Larke, Secretary
Arcadia Neighborhood Association	The Arcadia Neighborhood Association representatives: - reported they were having a difficult time finding board members. - stated the association was hosting an ice cream social for National Night Out. - indicated the Association was in the process of creating a Facebook page.

The Community Youth representatives:

- introduced themselves and described the benefits of being Counselors in Training (CIT's).
- Peter Aerts, Recreation Program Coordinator, described the role of the CIT's and reported the CIT's provided approximately 5,000 hours each summer.

In response to questions from Commissioner Anderson, the CIT's described the kids in the program as "excited" and stated the numbers of participants were up from previous years. The CIT's explained site leaders had weekly review/update meetings where they discussed issues and challenges.

Mayor Hopewell thanked the young people for being leaders and role models.

The Lakeside Beach Corporation representatives:

- described the boundaries of the corporation and stated there were 79 households within the neighborhood.
- reported the board had created a Facebook page.
- stated the corporation owned frontage on White's Lake and indicated they paid for a beach attendant and water quality monitoring.
- expressed concern about speeding traffic on Bronson Boulevard and questioned whether there should be bike lanes or sidewalks.
- reported there had been vandalism and theft at their beach.

In response to a question from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. McIntyre reported they corporation did not monitor salt content in Whites Lake.

In response to a question from Commissioner Urban, Mr. McIntyre stated he did not know the size comparison between Whites Lake and Woods Lake.

Commissioner Urban suggested Mr. Frank Wolf as a contact for any concerns the corporation might have about run-off from streets into Whites Lake.

When an opportunity was given for general citizen comments, the following people addressed the City Commission:

Nehemiah Scudder, City resident, noted that road salt was not strictly sodium chloride.

Ron Huster, non-resident, and President of the Westwood Neighborhood Association, spoke about the old abandoned BP gas station on West Main Street near Drake Road.

Community Youth

Lakeside Beach Corporation

Citizen Comments

Commissioner
Comments

Finally, an opportunity was given for miscellaneous comments by City Commissioners, but no comments were offered.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Borling
City Clerk

For City Commission approval on September 5, 2017

Approved by: _____
Bobby J. Hopewell, Mayor
Dated: September 5, 2017

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