

East Lansing Pinecrest Neighborhood Association (PNA) Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2021 – 7:00 PM – Zoom
Notes taken by Brittany Pazdan

President Abbie Tykocki brought the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Officers present: President Abbie Tykocki, Vice President Todd Swales, Secretary Brittany Pazdan, Treasurer Diane Goddeeris, Member at Large Nichole Biber and Member at Large Jonathon Niesen, Member at Large Cheryl Dudley Officers absent: N/A

Guests present: Sgt. Travis Bove ELPD and Officer Konnor Iott (ELPD) and Library Director Kristin Shelley

Todd Swales moved the acceptance of the agenda, seconded by Allie Siarto. There were no additions to the agenda.

Todd Swales moved the approval of the minutes from April 19, 2021, seconded by Veronica Wilkerson-Johnson, no edits.

Approval of minutes from March 2021: Todd Swales moved, Allie Siarto seconded, no edits, motion/minutes passed.

Guest Speakers/Visitors/Announcements

- East Lansing Police Department Pinecrest Liaisons
 - Sgt. Travis Bove and Officer Konner Iott
 - Officer Iott graduated in Jackson and got a degree in criminal justice from Lansing Community College, his sector includes night shift in Pinecrest. Travis was with us 12-13 years. Iott just completed bike school as well, we might see him on that as well.
 - Crime mapping: Fraud calls in the city (not Pinecrest) \$38,500 was stolen from an individual when they gave out their savings account information over the phone to someone claiming to be Apple. These people often use fear tactics. Most recently they are trying to get giftcards, if you have any questions get their phone number or name but do not give bank account or any information away. ELPD gets reports approx. every other day of something similar to this, the state police put out posts on social media about this often and Sgt. Bovee will take note to have ELPD make a post to the community.
 - Reminder to lock your cars and do not leave a fob in it so someone can just drive away.
 - There was a meet and greet a week or two ago and there will be another K-9 meet and greet this week on Wednesday.
 - If people are going on vacations and want ELPD to do property checks they will stop by and do a property check either during the day or night.
 - Officers are trying to increase community policing and attend events more to interact with the community, which is why all 4 officers on duty attended the Juneteenth Event this past weekend.
- Kristin Shelley - Neighborhood Partnership Initiative Liaison, Director of E.L. Public Library
 - The library van was in Henry Fine Park and had the largest crowd so far since it's been out
 - With regards to the fraud issues in the city, on the website there are videos posted to view and gain additional exposure from the attorney general's office and looking into doing another in person training when possible
 - On July 6th opening back up with pre-pandemic hours
 - You can still sign up for the summer reading program

- o The Friends of the Library are having a sidewalk sale on Saturday from 1-4:30. They will bring carts out to the sidewalk and they will continue to plan more throughout the summer.

Officers' Reports

- President
 - o Welcome Cheryl Dudley as new Board Member-At-Large – Filling the one year term position.
 - o Nomination of Maureen McCabe Power for East Lansing Crystal Award – Maureen received a nomination and the awards ceremony will be this Thursday at 5pm, the PNA wishes her luck.
 - o Status of PNA 501(c)3 reinstatement – the end of this week is the end of the 80 day window they have to respond to our application and then Abbie will be able to reach out and request an update to move forward.
- Vice President – thank you for all of the work that has been done on the events thus far
- Treasurer
 - o Status of PNA Finances – The previous treasurer has not sent his reports or submitted historical records since the current treasurer took office despite multiple requests. Diane, Abbie, and the previous treasurer did meet at MSUFCU once already but because of the current business status of the PNA and the holder of the current account at MSUFCU Diane and Abbie opened an account at MSUFCU with a savings and checking account. They received a \$4,600 check from the previous treasurer to open this account so the PNA had funds for upcoming events and so that the funds are being managed by active Board members. Once PNA is in good standing with LARA Diane will be able to open the proper business account.
 - o Member to Member donations can be done to elfive@aol.com to the current PNA account
 - o Todd asked if we have a historical review of the balance to ensure there hasn't been a misappropriation of funds and Diane stated there was only one report a year and we don't have access to regular reports and the financial history but they will be able to give us the history once the account is closed.
- Secretary
 - o I am attempting to work with previous board members to gather old files that are most likely paper and some old emails that are relevant but tracking this information down is not an easy task, there is no deadline in mind and I'll work until all the information is gathered. Once I'm done we'll have it in our centralized location on our PNA google drive as well as one safe hardcopy and a retention policy that is up to code for non-profits

Reports of Special Committees

- Juneteenth Celebration & Solidarity March Committee
 - o Feedback was that it was enjoyable and the event brought the community together. People would like to see more events that bring people together and this was a very powerful year to host such a large event, with the passing of Juneteenth becoming a National holiday. The variety that was brought to the event this year, including different generations really engaged the entire community.
 - o Engagement this year was lower from our neighborhood but some reasons we believe were the weather right up until the event was very rainy, the event fell on Father's Day weekend, and city and community hosted so many events for others to choose from. Dialogue is already starting on how to maintain and increase numbers for next year

- Don Power & Stephanie Beeler Memorialization Committee
 - o Jonathon, Abbie, Nathan and Brittany put together kits for the families that signed up for the Beeler Bike & Stroller Rally, held virtually. We had 15 kids sign up. The tree we had planted in honor of Stephanie was planted just in time, you can find it by the Tot Lot in Henry Fine Park. We are still working with Parks & Rec to get the Plaque ordered.
 - o The Power Stations are temporarily on hold as we watch the price of lumber, which seems to be back on the decline. We want to make sure that we can use the approved budget to its biggest potential and every other item on the list, that doesn't seem to have an inflated price at the moment, has been purchased and the planning is still happening, we are just watching prices. It appears we will be able to press on as planned very soon! Other planning continued with Matt Penniman and the logo for the Stations and we'll be ready to go once the lumber prices allow us to execute the project to its fullest potential.
 - You named yourself as an interested home be looking for an email from me, fingers crossed this week, with a formal update, I do apologize they didn't come sooner
- Community Garden Committee
 - o Presented to the facilities meeting in May. They changed their minds, at the bringing of the meeting they were going to tell them they were against the garden, but they just informed Allie that they think they will be able to have a garden in 2022 with some financial support. There will be several sizes available and compost bins. This will be used for educational purposes, there will be potential fruit trees and a storage shed. Henry Fine has given permission to use their spiket. Volunteer days and positions were recommended. Startup costs \$12,866.56 and when we fundraise the funds will go to the school to manage the money and they will be responsible for the costs. Ideal timeline is approval in 2021, structural and prep soil this year and implement in 2022.

Unfinished Business

- Upcoming Events
 - o Neighborhood Picnic (Thursday, July 22) - revisit decision to cancel?
 - After some discussion of comfort level with a potluck we will leave this event cancelled
 - Discussion included ideas of an ice cream social or if the turnout would be worth an event because the turnout for Junteenth was lower
 - o Community Garage Sale (Saturday, August 21) - Committee Chair Needed
 - Abbie has been in contact with Tamarisk about this event and they are aware when we will be hosting ours
 - This will remain planned for now
 - o Halloween Parade (Saturday, October 23) - Committee Chair Needed
 - **Jane Lockett has volunteered and Abbie will confirm**
 - History – cider, donuts, candy, the down payment for the horses is already down
 - Nichole's recommendation is to focus the stations on passing out less candy and more things like crayons and fun things for the kids
- Committee Needed to Address Issues of Speeding?
 - o Speeding continues to be a hot topic on our facebook group
 - o Speeding down Tarleton Ave. is a huge issue, one neighbor got a sign that measured people speed. The reason we do not have speed bumps because of the snow plows. Current recommendation is to call the non-emergency number, if residents clog the line ELPD will want to engage. When officers were stationed on Ramblewood they did give out several speeding tickets but it was ruled we don't have a speeding problem. Cameras were found to have been effective in high problem areas, we don't know if those are used in anywhere else in East Lansing; **Abbie will ask other neighborhood association presidents**

Meeting dates for 2021

- Discussion: Day and time change due to conflict and to increase attendance
 - o Pinecrest Parent Council tried a start time of 6pm and 7pm and neither helped to increase attendance
 - o We will be moving meetings to Tuesday though because of conflicts on Mondays

Maureen McCabe-Power moved to change the September meeting to move from Sept 20th to the 21st and cancel the Oct 18th meeting and call a meeting on November 16th and seconded by Todd Swales

Abbie adjourns the meeting at 8:56pm

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Brittany Pazdan