

# WESTHAVEN TRAILS ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, April 24th at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

1. Welcome and Presentation of Agenda – Kevin Gerber, President
2. Police Liaison
3. Annual Action Items and Association Updates – Kevin Gerber, President
4. Expense Report - Ryan
5. Ask for any volunteers; vote on Board Member
6. Open up for Neighborhood Comments/Concerns

### **Kevin-Introductions**

#### **Officer Slawek**

West side crime rate has seen a lot of burglary/theft of autos. They caught a number of the juveniles and they are repeat offenders. He once again stressed that many of these crimes are preventable. Keep your car safe and don't leave keys, change, purses, gps' or power cords in the car. Never leave car unlocked...in any neighborhood. People are all about crimes of opportunity. Some references include: [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com) and [www.madisonpolice.com](http://www.madisonpolice.com). Westtown Mall is down 46% due to the Escort Policy that was put into place. There are only 3 officers on @ night from South of Raymond to Verona, so if there is a domestic disturbance, that takes away 2. There are 9 new officers that were approved. Please check out the Nextdoor website to keep track of what's going on in our neighborhood. You can reach Officer Slawek at [aslawek@cityofmadison.com](mailto:aslawek@cityofmadison.com)

#### **Ryan (Bookkeeper) - Expense Report**

Expense Report hand out

Mowing and storm cleanup are the largest expense

Only one phone for the Association - sent to email

If cleanup or brush removal needs to be made then email Kevin

Private courts pay extra for snow plow and lighting on the courts...streets are shared property

Enzo's dad did cleanup and will continue to do so

Josh - motion to approve budget

Al - seconded motion

2018 Budget Approved

At this time the run off issue was brought up by a resident on Tucson Trail. Basically due to the design of the park, there is not enough grass to absorb water and it runs off down to his property. In spring there might be 4-6 inches of water on his driveway. It also goes to another resident's property but he has put in a sump pump and that took care of his issue. We have asked that the resident speak with the City and perhaps get some ideas/quotes on how to address this issue. He thinks the association should pay for this, but we are not sure that is the case and we need to look

into it further. In any event, the association will have to figure out if we are liable, because if not it's certainly not something the association can take on. It just isn't economical. We will discuss it in July when he gets us more information.

### **Kevin - Upcoming Events**

Rummage sales June 1st and 2nd, link to participate is on website. Kevin will coordinate. Will be announced in WI State Journal. Email [garagesale@westhaventrails.org](mailto:garagesale@westhaventrails.org)

Picnic is August 4th from 11:30 to 4 at Cimmaron Park. We are limiting the budget this year, so hopefully there will be food trucks but that hasn't been decided yet. Balloon guy is not available and there will not be a jump house.

### **President's Report**

1. Website is up and running. Report a problem, realtor inquiries and architectural requests can all be done on the website. The monthly agenda will also be able to be viewed on the website as well as the security lighting program will be available there.
2. Park Repairs Update: Money was allocated last year but it did not get done. We have re-signed a contract this year with Roy and he will be power washing all equipment, replacing boards, staining, sanding any rusted equipment, and priming/painting equipment in bright colors
3. Split Rail Fences need fixing at the entrance to the parks. There are 33 corner posts and 100 end posts. This could be a costly project or perhaps people could volunteer and we could get it done
4. Walking Paths – Bartlett Paving will be filling cracks from Silverton to Carnwood. Enzo's dad did other work except for filling in paths. Some will need to be sealed that could cost up to \$2000 to finish up
5. Parking on private courts is not allowed. This is an ongoing issue and has caused problems with emergency vehicles getting to houses. Please park in the driveway or on the main street. The association has approval to ticket/tow
6. Neighborhood Watch Program – We used American Security for a month to monitor suspicious activity. They went 2 x a night M-F and 1x on Saturday at a cost of \$506. We decided this is something we could do maybe one month a year if crime starts to get out of hand in the area.
7. Tables and Chairs are available to rent. 4 tables and 40 chairs were purchased on clearance. We are renting them for \$5 a table and \$1 chair. Please contact Kevin if interested.  
[President@westhaventrails.org](mailto:President@westhaventrails.org)
8. By-law update – the board can go from 3 to 5. The update clarifies the number of board members – this was updated so that people don't come in with their own agendas and the not participate once their issue is resolved. Candidates used to be nominated from the floor. Board can now do background checks as people have to put in a written request.
9. 1 Board opening – Julie motioned to increase the size from 5 to 6. Josh 2<sup>nd</sup>. Katie opposed but the vote passed. Kristen motion that the 3 existing board members be approved, Josh 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are Kristin, Al and Amber. Josh moved to make Enzo a board member. Al 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved, Enzo is now a board member.

Enzo- Architectural Review Board- Responds to customers to review requests for small buildings or modifications to the property such as a fence or shed. There were 10 sites visited. 4 foot fence with a lattice wanted to make it 6 ft, this was not approved. The arb request form has been redone and there is a process section on the website with a timeline. We should respond within 3 days of the request and make a decision within 10 days.

The board members will be motioned in at our next meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin - open concerns. One resident is constantly concerned about who gets paid for what. This is an ongoing issue every year. It has been made clear each year how the honorariums are done, but it still continues to be a big concern for some and each year adds undo time to the meeting. Hopefully

now that it will be posted each month people will not waste time at our annual meeting discussing something that is a non-issue and does not need to be addressed each year. We have more important things to talk about.

Katie - motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. Josh 2<sup>nd</sup>, meeting adjourned.

Attendees:

Katy Reeder

Kristen Christianson

Kyle Duerstein

Eric Ford

Josh Gierach

Brad Nelson

Ebenezer Idown

Marcy Brant