

Old Orchard Neighborhoods Association (OONA) General Meeting
Sanger Branch Library
September 15, 2022

Attendance: 20

Signed In:	Kevin Casper	Pat Holmberg	Ford Weber
	Maggie Greer	Margaret Day	Brent Lohmann
	Billy Mann	Rosemary Boezi	Matt Reny
	??? ???	Kelley Hodges	Kaja Gam
	Dana Reid	Kelly Sankowski	Andrew Sankowski
	Lynn Jensen	Kay Bennett	

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Lynn Jensen, Vice-President.

Dick Cromwell, President, has resigned from the OO board effective September 10, 2022 per email sent to the OO board. Billy Mann, President-Elect, will begin his duties January 1, 2023.

OO Board members introduced themselves.

OO 100th Celebration – October 2, 2022, 2:00-6:00 pm, Goddard Field – Matt Reny

- Pat Holmberg, OONA member, introduced Valerie Simmons-Walston, University of Toledo, VP Community Affairs. UT has agreed to be a major sponsor of the 100th Celebration. MS. Simmons-Walston spoke briefly, alluding to acronym “BBB” (baby be brief). She reported that Goddard Field will be mowed, and Rockie and Roxie, UT’s mascots, will be at the Celebration greeting OO neighbors. UT students living in OO are invited to the Celebration. UT is celebrating its 150th anniversary throughout this academic year and will host a big party for the public on October 12th; there will be free parking.
- Matt reported that event plans are on track.
- Sponsorships are being secured by the Sustainability Committee.
- Three bands are lined up thanks to Heather Meyer; and 3 food trucks are set to be there, thanks to Craig Jablonski.
- Games are being organized by Lisa Grizaniuk.
- Be on the lookout for event signs along Kenwood Blvd and in many yards in the next week.
- All other event advertising will be via social media.
- Question: Should there be a membership table at the event? The board decided to make the celebration just that...a celebration, and to not ask for donations at that time.

Finance Report

- Because Craig Jablonski, Treasurer, was not able to be present, Lynn Jensen reported that OONA currently has \$18,000 in its account. Sources of this income include Garden Tour and memberships. Expenses include legal fees for non-profit status and registration with the State of Ohio, Garden Tour and liability insurance.

Beautification Committee – Brent Lohmann

- Brent reported that OONA’s application for City of Toledo DIP (District Improvement Program) has been approved by Councilman Sam Melden, our District 5 representative. Councilman Melden has assured Brent that City Council will formally approve the grant in the near future.
- Plans include pillars on the corners of Goddard Field and on Kenwood Blvd with landscaping.

- UT and the City of Toledo have defined the easement on Goddard Field.
- The City will get quotes for costs.
- OONA must provide in-kind resources, yet to be determined.

Garden Tour – Brent Lohmann

- Seven gardens were on the 2022 Garden Tour.
- Donations: \$12,000; 511 tickets sold; expenses: \$2,000; profit: \$5,200.
- 40 volunteers worked the Tour = 490 volunteer hours.
- 2023: 8 gardens are lined up, with 3 west of Secor Rd. Date: Second weekend in June - June 11, 2023, 10:00 am – 5:00pm.

Sustainability Committee Volunteer Liaisons (VZL) – Maggie Greer

- Maggie reported that the mission of this program is to facilitate communication among neighbors especially when issues/concerns arise. OO has been divided into 5 zones plus Indian Hills. Each zone has a VZL. Pat Holmberg is the liaison with UT Residence Life.
- Last November a letter, zone map and a cling with important community contacts was mailed to each OO household.
- Maggie encouraged everyone to look up what zone they live in and who their VZL is.
- Each VZL maintains a log to record all communications with neighbors.

Membership – Lynn Jensen

- 147 households responded to the 2021 Membership campaign.
- The membership campaign will take place via mail in the fall each year.

Other

- An attendee spoke about the increase in costs of utilities, sewage treatment plant (\$700 million) etc., and nothing is being said about this. There should be more transparency and input from taxpayers. Lynn reminded all that individuals can always speak at City Council and other public meetings, representing themselves, not representing OONA.
- Kaja Gam asked if OONA has considered doing a survey of OO residents to determine interest in pursuing historic preservation status of OO homes. Answer: No. A resource guide for home improvements that are consistent with historic preservation and character could be developed. Ms. Gam would be willing to help research people with expertise and create a guide. More discussion followed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kay Bennett, Secretary