



# Historic Water Tower Neighborhood

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
**Historic Water Tower Neighborhood Monthly Meeting**  
**Lake Park Pavilion's Marcia Coles Community Room**

## Meeting Minutes

### OFFICERS

#### President

Gina Spang

#### President Elect

Toby Reynolds

#### VP Communications

Joan Miller

#### VP Special Events

Andrew Brusky

#### VP Membership

Laurel Maney

#### Treasurer

Bruce Thompson

#### Secretary

Sarah Marie Streed

#### Past President

Laurel Maney

### TRUSTEES

#### Area 1

(LaFayette Pl. to North Ave.)

Linda Cutler

Laurel Maney

Joan Miller

Tiffany Tinsey

Stephanie Van Alyea Quirk

#### Area 2

(North Ave. to Newberry Blvd.)

Jeff Bentoff

Andrew Brusky

Lloyd Dickinson

Angie Kvidera

Dawn McCarthy

Donna Neal

Sally Peltz

Toby Reynolds

Laura Shipley

#### Area 3

(Newberry Blvd. to

Edgewood Ave.)

Derek Brewer

Richard Kimball

Roger Luhn

Sandra McSweeney

Gina Spang

Sarah Streed

Bruce Thompson

**Trustees Present:** Gina Spang, Sarah Marie Streed, Toby Reynolds, Andrew Brusky, Bruce Thompson, Dawn McCarthy, Joan Miller, Linda Cutler, Laurel Maney, Angela Kvidera, Jeff Bentoff

**Non-Trustees Present:** Pat VanAlyea, Linda Gaalaas, Tricia Mesaich, Carole Dede, Christianne Camera, Nancy Kresse, Jeffrey Speller, Lynne Dixon-Speller.

### Business Meeting

#### 1) Officer reports

**President by Gina Spang** - Opened the meeting.

January Minutes approved.

February Minutes approved with this correction: Nancy Kresse (instead of Joan Kresse)

#### Financial Report by Bruce Thompson

Bruce questioned whether or not the Paypal payments are reaching him. Short discussion on process. Bruce will examine in more detail. The financial report is available from Bruce if anyone is interested in reviewing it.

#### 2) Committee and Liaison reports

#### Communications Report by Joan Miller

Joan and Andrew Brusky are working together on the garden parties.

Joan is going to meet with Brandi Hayes-Finks, editor of North Point Magazine—they would like to get more HWTN members featured in the magazine. Please contact Joan if you are interested and/or if you have someone to recommend.

#### Membership Report by Laurel Maney

The membership committee meets next week. Come and join! 11:00 next Wednesday.

### **Special Events by Andrew Brusky**

Happy Hour was a huge success! 55 people attended. With the large crowd, the food went quickly, so additional pizza's were ordered. It was a good opportunity to meet members and get better acquainted. A great time was had by all who attended.

Earth Day Cleanup is coming up Saturday, April 21. Meet at 10 a.m. at Back Bay park.

### **Safety Committee**

Officer Thomas E. Kline, Community Liaison Officer gave a Report.

Some quick crime updates concerning crime in the neighborhood. The police recently arrested Harold Earl, for stealing packages. Unfortunately, Harold Earl is a repeat offender. He was in the neighborhood doing the same thing two years ago. This is the problem with repeat offenders; they get a plea deal to lesser crimes, then get out and return to the same area doing the same thing.

On February 11 an auto was stolen from the 2500 block of Terrace. Two white men were acting like they were shoveling snow, then casually stole a car from a driveway.

People have been calling to ask about the "poison cheese rumor". The rumor is that someone has been putting out poison cheese for dogs. However, this is just a rumor; it is safe to walk your dog in the neighborhood.

Officer Kline reported that Alyssa Conway is running a new student class called the Preferred Tennant Program; the goal is to help students integrate in community. Officer Kline feels the program is working—helps students integrate into the community. Relations between Milwaukee and UW-Milwaukee are better.

This Easter there will be an Easter egg hunt. Kids will hunt for Easter eggs, then they can ride in police car with siren.

Three motorcycle officers have been assigned to district one. This will benefit the community.

Question from member: Do tennis shoes thrown over power wires mean drug deals are happening there?

Officer Kline answered no. There have been so many rumors about hanging tennis shoes and what they mean. Short answer is they don't pose a threat to the community.

Officer Kline is available for anyone to contact. His email: [tkline@milwaukee.gov](mailto:tkline@milwaukee.gov)

### **3) New Business**

Pay to Park at the parks was withdrawn due to lack of support.

SB777 was also withdrawn due to lack of support

Discussion on full replacement versus restoration of the Ravine Bridge in Lake Park is ongoing.

### **Neighborhood Liaison Report by Bruce Thompson.**

There are two groups that meet with other neighborhood associations: North Avenue Task Force and UW group MENA (Milwaukee Eastside Neighborhood Association) Before any business can apply for a liquor license, the neighborhood committees ask their intentions.

Bruce talked about MKE Ax; ax throwing bar. He says the ax throwing is like a bowling team/league. Sounds dangerous, but it is controlled and throwing area is well protected. The Ax Throwing has gotten approval from committee and the Common Council. People who went to the presentation were impressed.

Bruce is OK with continuing to be the liaison but if someone else wants to take over, he would be happy to talk with them.

There will be a Farmers Market on Hackett next to the church parking lot—all Saturdays during the summer.

The business meeting was adjourned followed by the Program.

Minutes respectfully submitted by HWTN Secretary Sarah Marie Streed

**Program:** Didier Ibar, the General Manager at Bartolotta's Lake Park Bistro, gave a history on how and when Bartolotta's was located in Lake Park and updates on the unique venue and exciting things that we can look forward to in 2018.