

# Rotary



# Club of Williamston Sunrise

## Club Leaders

## 3/9/21-Corey Schmidt

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, March 9, 2021

### General Discussion:



Kay Erin Goluska  
President



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President - Elect



Gene Klco  
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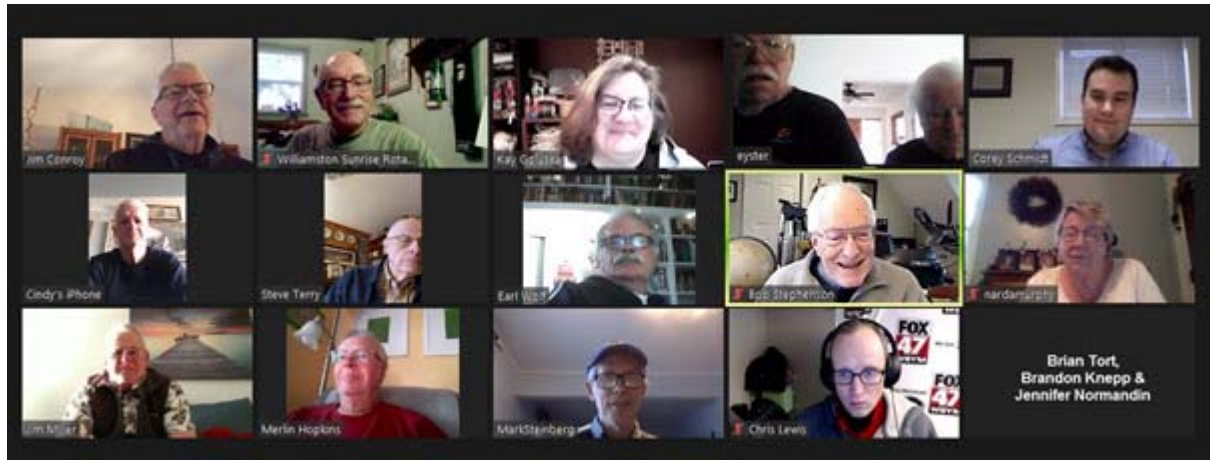
Narda Murphy  
Youth Services Chair



Brian Tort  
iPast President



Brian Tort  
Assistant Governor



- Attendance: Members=16, Associate Members=1, Guests=1
- President Kay started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Speaker today was **Corey Schmidt**, Williamston City Manager



- Corey spoke about 2021 City Recreation Focused Projects
  - Old Mill Park - Red Cedar River Boardwalk replacement
  - 400 W Grand River Ave - former car wash site
- Red Cedar River Boardwalk replacement project

- o Wanted to extend the walkway from Old Mill Park & Putnam St
  - To the 400 W Grand River site

## Speakers

March 09, 2021  
 Corey Schmidt,  
 Williamston City  
 Manager  
 On the River Trail  
 Project

March 16, 2021  
 Student Excellence  
 Awards

March 23, 2021  
 Kay Goluska  
 Board meeting

March 30, 2021  
 Kay Goluska

# Downtown District Complete River Trail Vision (2016)

## WILLIAMSTON TRAILS: RED CEDAR SECTION WILLIAMSTON, MICHIGAN

CONCEPTUAL PLAN



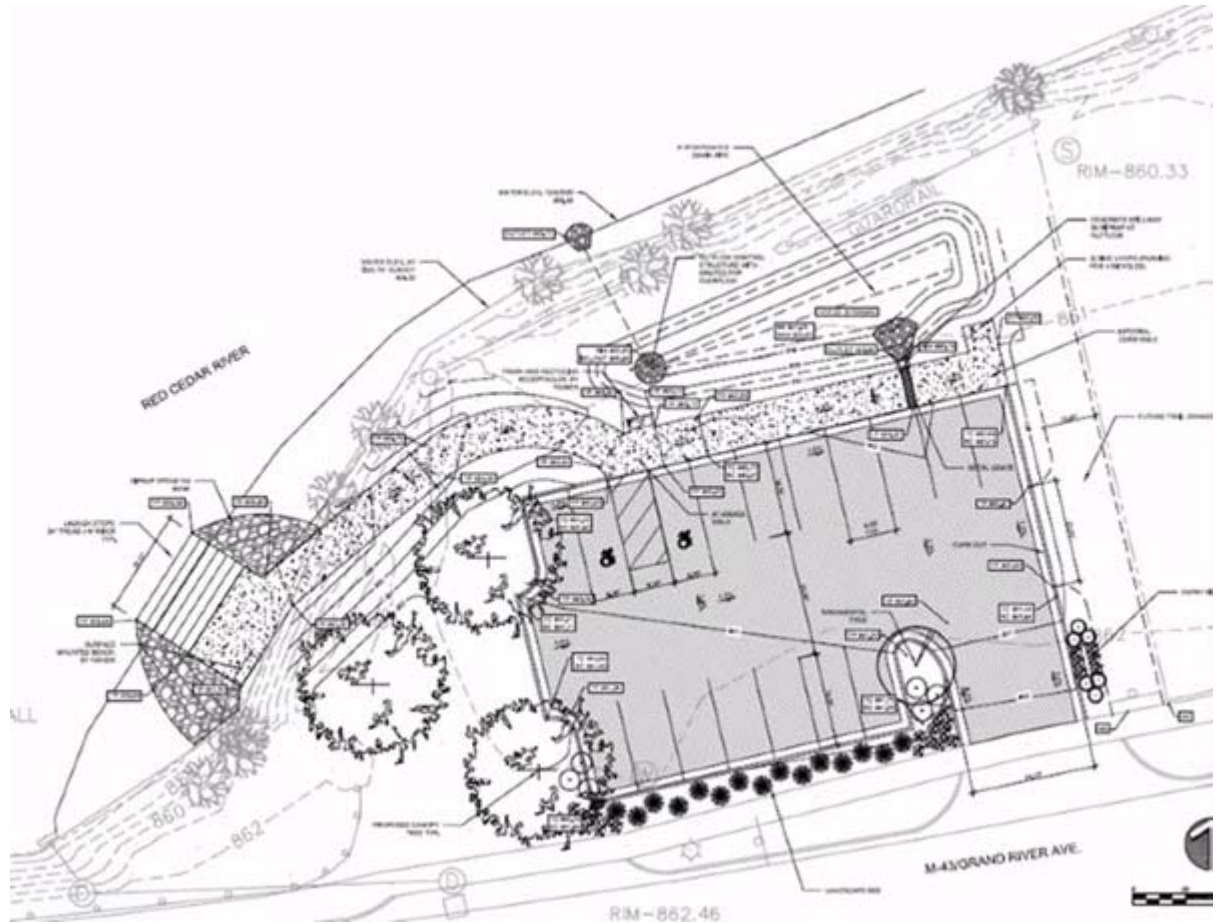
- o Acquired the 400 W Grand River site in 1983 through a DDA
  - Required Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant
  - With this site, they developed a plan
  - Process to get easements along the River behind property owners
    - Has mixed results - no complete
    - So focused on the ends that the city owned
- o Boardwalk in Old Mill Park
  - o Existed in the late 1980s - at least 30 years old
    - Needed to be replaced - wanted a more permanent solution
  - o Used a concept drawing to get a grant
    - \$250,000 with a 20% match and cover overages
  - o Would have concrete sidewalk along Putnam Rd





- Then go to 10 ♦ multi-use asphalt pathway the rest of the way along the river
  - New fencing would boarder the walkway
  - Add a crosswalk between park and McCormick Park
  - Had to remove a couple trees & will replace them
  - Will add a couple overlook decks at \$10,000 each
    - Wanted 2 more - not funded
  - Engineering estimate at \$310,000 project
- Garden Club was to donate to replacing the gazebo in the park with a more permanent vinyl structure
  - Want to bring this project into the park project and get additional matching funds
    - Could sell old gazebo and double its sale price with match
- Other fund raising opportunities
  - Public Spaces Community Places Grant
    - Every dollar up to \$50,000 is matched by MEDC
    - Putting together a grant to help with this project
  - Hoping to launch in April with the Garden Club as first big donor (tied to Gazebo project)
    - Accepting offers on the gazebo and use the proceeds to help funding
    - Hope to have that help with site prep and add electrical
- Progress:
  - EGLE Permit received
  - Awaiting final NEPA clearance
  - Submitted to MDOT for May letting date
  - Working on a plan with key partners to launch in April-May to assist with funding
  - Summer construction anticipated
- Goal is to have key commitments
  - \$10,000 from DDA
  - He asked us if we thought they should set a high goal or take what can from key commitments
  - Would the community support a higher goal?
- Q/A:
  - Chris: Some concern in clearing additional sidewalk area - not done well this winter downtown
    - Decided 10 years ago that they would not keep the west side of Putnam St clear in winter - not clearing boardwalk

- Downtown sidewalks are an issue - no place to move snow exc. in parking lanes
      - When city clears streets and sidewalks, the put the snow in the parking lanes
        - Then move it to piles and late at night haul it away
      - With new business owners, not told to clear sidewalks for light snowfall
      - City doesn't clear sidewalks with 1" of snow - businesses have to do it
    - It is a PR issue
  - 400 W Grand River Ave lot
    - 20 Years in the making
    - Parking lot planned and boat launch
    - Place to launch a kayak and head west down the river
      - Or put in above the bridge and go through the rapids and take out at launch



- Status - plan summer construction
    - Submitted to EGLE for permit
    - Less intensive process
    - Plan it place a bid in spring with summer start
  - Plan an access to a river trail in the future
- Q/A
  - Bob: With wood walkway is on pilings, would paved walkway need to be farther from river?
    - Still pretty close
  - Kay: In flood plane?
    - Had to get EGLE approval
  - Merlin: Some people haul kayaks on a trailer. Doesn't look like the parking area will accommodate a trailer.
    - Good point. Not considered yet.
  - Mark: Appreciate the work you have done on this. Kudos!
    - Walkway to McCormick Park - looks like just markings on the pavement.
    - No signalized intersection
      - Not sure which is safer. Signal may give false sense of safety.
  - Kay: Would like to bring you back again later in spring to get progress

#### General Discussion:

- No updates from committees
- Happy Dollars:
  - Narda - happy for the work that Corey has done
  - Steve: Received a deposit in account from Amazon Smile for last quarter for \$5.21

- Set it up on Amazon last year
- When purchasing things on Amazon, register for Amazon Smile
  - For Sunrise Rotary Foundation of Williamston
  - Get 💎% back on purchases
- Kay: great to connect with members when they travel with Zoom
- Next week 💎s meeting will be the Winter Murphs
- Students of Excellence from Williamston, Webberville & Dansville

## Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 5, 2021

**Charlie Chaplin** lived 88 years

He left us 4 statements:

- (1) Nothing is forever in this world, not even our problems.
- (2) I love walking in the rain because no one can see my tears.
- (3) The most lost day in life is the day we don't laugh.
- (4) Six best doctors in the world:

1. The sun
2. Rest
3. Exercise
4. Diet
5. Self-respect
6. Friends

Stick to them at all stages of your life and enjoy a healthy life.

If you see the moon, you will see the beauty of God.

If you see the sun, you will see the power of God.

If you see a mirror, you will see God's best creation. So believe it.

We are all tourists, God is our travel agent who has already identified our routes, bookings and destinations... trust Him and enjoy life.

Life is just a journey...Therefore, live today!

Tomorrow may never be.

## Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 5, 2021



## March Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Wishes for a **Happy Birthday** in **March** go out to:

**George Eyster** March 1

**Steve Sachs** March 24

**Elgar Brown** March 28