

Sawyer Creek Neighborhood Association

Building an Active Westside Community

Vision:

We envision a community that offers an inspiring value-based lifestyle and quality of life, and is a desirable place in which to live and enjoy the benefits of family, friends and community. We do this by bringing neighborhood residents together to create community and a collective voice, to build upon existing assets and to address issues and opportunities related to quality of life for those who live in and use the resources in our neighborhood.

Mission:

To work together to enhance and preserve the quality of life and sense of community within Sawyer Creek Neighborhood by supporting initiatives and capital improvements that benefit the greater good of the community.

Values: In all our activities to achieve our vision and mission we value integrity, fairness, consistent firmness and common sense, community participation, respect, cooperation and sense of community.

Neighborhood boundaries:

Boundary:

north border = **9th Ave**

south border = both sides of **20th Ave that are within the city borders**

east border = **Oakwood Rd**

west border = **Western most border of Oshkosh**

Membership:

All residents, property owners and businesses that lie within the above stated boundaries are eligible for membership in the Sawyer Creek Neighborhood Association. Membership is on a voluntary basis and there are no dues or fees to belong. Voting members must be at least 18 years of age.

Fees/Fundraising:

There are no fees or dues required for membership in the Sawyer Creek Neighborhood Association. Donations and grants are accepted and fundraising is encouraged and monitored by the steering committee. All monies raised will be used to pursue the goals of the Sawyer Creek Neighborhood Association. Initially funds will be held by the Carl Traeger Elementary School Parents and Staff for Children (PSC) until \$50,000 is raised, at which time accounts will be established at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

Leadership:

The Sawyer Creek Neighborhood Association is led by a volunteer Steering Committee consisting of an odd number of neighbors and of no less than five (5) participants and no greater than seven (7) who will volunteer on a two (2) year basis, to be extended if needed and have an interest to do so. Any neighborhood resident aged eighteen (18) years or older is eligible to be a member of the Steering Committee. Steering Committee members will be elected by verbal consent every-other-year by those residents in attendance at the Sawyer Creek Neighborhood Association's annual membership meeting. One (1) Sawyer Creek Neighborhood Association Steering Committee member will be designated as the point of contact for the City of Oshkosh and the City Staff Liaison. Steering Committee members may be removed, through majority vote at a recognized Neighborhood Association Meeting, if the member is not working towards the best interest of the Sawyer Creek Neighborhood Association.

Committees:

Membership participation is best served by joining a volunteer Committee that has been assigned responsibilities and authorities by the Steering Committee. Committees shall be established by the Steering Committee as deemed necessary to pursue our stated Mission. Membership on Committees is open to all Association members 18 years and older. Committees shall be responsible for the coordination of activities and programs, for research and review of issues and proposals, and for recommending actions to be taken by the Steering Committee in the area(s) of responsibility assigned to the Committee. Committee structure is informal to encourage member participation. Committees shall choose their own officers, schedule regular meetings, and report findings to the Steering Committee.

Example Committees:

Steering Committee
Fundraising
Social Committee (for association holiday parties, etc.)
Publicity & Communication
Graffiti Task Force
Neighborhood Maintenance
Traffic Safety
Community Affairs (might work with local businesses, developers, schools, etc.)

Meetings:

An annual membership meeting will be held once a year. Other meetings may be called for organizing purposes. Annual meetings will be announced via mail and will provide two (2) week notice. Sawyer Creek Neighborhood Association members, 18 years and older, are eligible to vote on matters. The steering committee will determine what is brought before all members for a vote. Decisions are to be made by consensus, whenever possible, with a majority vote necessary to pass. Decisions are to be made by those present. Minutes are kept for each meeting and shared with members via social media.

Changing of Bylaws:

The accepted above bylaws may be changed only through majority vote at the Sawyer Creek Neighborhood Association annual membership meeting or an open neighborhood meeting where the intent of the meeting has been clearly defined and two (2) week notice has been given. The Steering Committee, with advisement from the Association may draft additional guides that are in the best interest of the Sawyer Creek Neighborhood Association and will become guiding with a majority vote.

It is by consensus of those attending the meeting on March 4 at Carl Traeger Elementary on 3000 20th street Oshkosh, wi. that these organizational governing rules are adopted.