

**NATURE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018**  
**DRAYTON PLAINS NATURE CENTER 6:30 P.M.**

- I. Call to order at 6:40 PM
- II. Introduction of Members, Staff and Guests  
Board Members Present: Jim Zampol, Karen Joliet, Murray Day, Gerard Couture, Heather Halls  
Others Present: Sara Frederick, Alison Swanson  
Excused: Terri Chapdelaine, Aubrey Golden
- III. Review of November 2017 minutes. Motion to approve – Karen Joliet. Seconded –Gerard Couture. Motion carried.
- IV. Reports
- a. **Financial**-Alison Swanson
    - i. Financial Report (See attachment)
  - b. **Parks and Recreation** – Sara Frederick
    - i. Special Needs Social Clubs (NEW): Informational meeting on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Waterford Recreation Center. Little Buddies (Ages 4-13) and Flash’s Friendship Club (Ages 14 +). Monthly activities planned for each club.
    - ii. Pirate Bash and Mermaid Splash: Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> @ Recreation Center 6:00-7:30 PM. Pre-registration required
    - iii. Daddy-Daughter Dance: Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ Recreation Center 2:00-4:00pm or 6:00-8:00pm. Pre-Registration Required
    - iv. Family Movie Night (Cars 3): Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> @ Recreation Center 7:00-9:00pm. \$2 per person. Pre-registration not required
    - v. All Spring and Summer youth sports registrations are now open
    - vi. We are looking for a new Caretaker for the Drayton Plains Nature Center. Applications can be filled out on [waterfordmi.gov](http://waterfordmi.gov) and emailed to Arlene Ward at [award@waterfordmi.gov](mailto:award@waterfordmi.gov).
    - vii. Donation of \$300.00 from the Waterford Mott SEA Club (Student Environmental Action Program)
  - c. **Caretaker** – N/A
  - d. **Friends of the DPNC**- Terri Chapdelaine & Murray Day
    - i. Have reached out to individuals who have expressed interest in helping out with Halloween Hayrides. They will be meeting next week to discuss a plan.
  - e. **Staff** – N/A
  - f. **School District** - Heather Halls
    - i. See attachment
- V. Old Business
- a. Motion to approve Jim Zampol’s membership renewal to the Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Committee for three years – Murray Day. Seconded – Karen Joliet. Motion carried.
- VI. Round Table & New Business

- i. Karen Joliet – Balanced budget for the township. Riverwalk updates.
- ii. Murray Day –Would like an update on the repairs on the dam with the DNR
- iii. Alison Swanson – Has been in contacts with Christ Bunch on a kid’s game show called “Conservation Style” out of Flint, MI. Darin, one of our new Recreation Board members has expressed interest in a fishing derby with the township.
- iv. Jim Zampol – Would like to know if someone from the Recreation Board wanted to be a representative for the DPNC committee. Would like to have the attic and the nature center cleaned in the spring, there is a lot of clutter.
- v. Gerard Couture – Question about soft shelled turtles in the channel.

VII. Meeting Adjourned : 7:40pm