

NATURE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018
DRAYTON PLAINS NATURE CENTER 6:30 P.M.

- I. Call to order at 6:32 PM
- II. Introduction of Members, Staff and Guests
 - Board Members Present: Jim Zampol, Karen Joliet, Aubrey Golden, Linda Zabik, Murray Day, Gerard Couture, Don Irwin
 - Others Present: Sara Frederick, Alison Swanson, Corwin Craite, Darrel & Kitty Hudiburgh, Mark Herne
 - Excused: Terri Chapdelaine, Mary Barghahn
- III. Review of March 2018 minutes. Motion to approve – Karen Joliet. Seconded – Jim Zampol. Motion carried.
- IV. Motion to approve the Kiwanis Club of Clarkston Waterford to the Waterford Parks and Recreation Adopt-a-Park program: Drayton Plains Nature Center – Karen Joliet. Seconded – Aubrey Golden. Motion carried.
- V. Reports
 - a. **Financial**-Alison Swanson
 - i. Financial Report (See attachment)
 - b. **Parks and Recreation** – Sara Frederick
 - i. Summer brochures have been mailed to residents. All summer camps are taking registrations now. Online registration available at waterfordmi.gov/parks
 - ii. Summer baseball and softball registration has ended; season starts the week of June 18th.
 - iii. Family Dance Party: Saturday, May 19th
 - iv. Summer Concerts at Hess: Every Thursday evening in June
 - c. **Caretaker** – Corwin Craite
 - i. Observation deck needs some work. Will be requesting some wood for repair.
 - ii. Continuing to do property walks and getting to know the land
 - iii. Had the mower checked and it is in good condition, will begin mowing this week
 - d. **Friends of the DPNC**- Terri Chapdelaine & Murray Day
 - i. Halloween Hayrides will be on 10/20/18 – a few meetings have taken place already
 - e. **Staff** – Taylor Richards
 - i. See attachment
 - f. **School District** – Mary Barghahn
 - i. See attachment
- VI. Round Table & New Business
 - i. Gerard – Question about the outlook of the burn that took place two year ago
 - ii. Alison – Girl Scout Troop from Cooley would like to make bird houses for the bird viewing area
 - iii. Gerard – Mentioned some type of water pollution in the small ponds off of Hatchery. Keeping an eye out for “Crayfish Snake,” that looks like a Rat Snake, very rare!

- iv. Corwin – Would love feedback/ideas from everyone. Would also like some cards to put on windshields to remind patrons on when the park closes
- v. Jim- questions about the purpose of the gate for the parking lot. Question about the curb stones. Trees are dying in the parking lot, should be removed. Would like to see the non-functional bat houses be taken down. Bat houses added to Eagle Scout project list.
- vi. Murray – Question about when it is the obligation of the DPNC to trim trees that are encroaching the road. There is too much water in the area of the footbridge, possible drain blocks.
- vii. Alison – Excel Employment Opportunities is a work group that will be working at the DPNC every Friday from 9:30am-12:30pm. Five year park plan will be completed this year.

VII. Meeting Adjourned : 8:09 pm