

DRAYTON PLAINS NATURE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020, 6:30PM
DRAYTON PLAINS NATURE CENTER, 2125 DENBY DRIVE, WATERFORD, MI 48329

- I. Call to order at 6:36pm
- II. Introduction of Members, Staff and Guests
 - Board Members Present: Jim Zampol, Murray Day, Aubrey Golden, Sandy Pulk, Karen Joliat, and Gerard Couture,
 - Others Present: Alison Swanson, Tori Heglin, Josh Lumsden, Ian Ableson – Six Rivers Land Conservancy
 - Excused: N/A
- III. Review of November 2019 minutes. Motion to approve – Sandy Pulk. Seconded – Karen Joliat. Motion carried.
- IV. Reports
 - a. **Financial**-Alison Swanson
 - i. Written financial report provided.
 - ii. New hours for park grounds will be posted and will be dawn to dusk year-round, for safety and consistency purposes.
 - b. **Parks and Recreation** – Tori Heglin
 - i. Daddy Daughter Dances – February 22. Mother Son Dance – March 14. Sheep Shearing & Pancake Breakfast – April 18.
 - c. **Caretaker** – Josh Lumsden
 - i. Moved in mid-December.
 - ii. Scheduled WWAM workdays: December, cleared leaves; January, cancelled due to icy conditions. Next workday will be February 16.
 - iii. Will work on organizing the maintenance garage.
 - iv. Very large tree that fell near the trail west of covered bridge and needs to be cleared. Will follow up with parks maintenance crew on this.
 - d. **Friends of the DPNC**- Murray Day
 - i. Wood that was dropped off at the Nature Center over the holidays was authorized by Murray Day. The tree contractor dropped off a number of large trees and let Murray know that they would come back and cut into smaller usable pieces. Undercutters Tree Service. They also did turf damage to the area south of the parking lot from Denby Drive to the pile where wood was distributed.
- V. Old Business
 - a. Vote on election of 2020 Officers for Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Committee:
 - i. Chairperson – Murray Day. Motion to approve – Karen Joliat. Seconded –Sandy Pulk. Motion carried.
 - ii. Vice-Chairperson – Terri Chapdelaine. Motion to approve – Karen Joliat. Seconded – Jim Zampol. Motion carried.
 - b. Vote on recommendation for 3-year term renewals for Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Committee Members:
 - i. Aubrey Golden. Motion to approve – Murray Day. Seconded – Karen Joliat. Motion carried.
 - ii. Murray Day. Motion to approve – Karen Joliat. Seconded –Sandy Pulk. Motion carried.
- VI. Round Table & New Business
 - a. Ian Ableson, Stewardship Manager, Six Rivers Land Conservancy – will be attending some of the DPNC Committee Meetings. He is interested in coordinating two invasive species removal workdays in 2020 with us: May – removal of garlic mustard; late September-November – removal of wood invasives (autumn olive and buckthorn). Workdays are Thursdays or Fridays, 9AM-1PM, Ian would be in attendance with supplies needed to remove the invasive and have volunteers from Fiat Chrysler Automotive. Alison and Josh will connect with Ian to schedule the May date. Discussion on inventory of invasives on the property and the possible collaboration with Oakland County CISMA, Erica Crites, to use DPNC property as a demonstration location on treating invasives. Discussed the mapping tool that the Oakland County CISMA utilizes to inventory invasives.
 - b. Alison Swanson – Advisory Committee Meetings held March 2020 and November 2020 will now be held at the Waterford Recreation Center, 5640 Williams Lk. Rd., Waterford, MI 48329, due to winter conditions and darkness when meetings adjourn. Alison will post new locations and send members the new meeting schedule.
 - c. Jim Zampol – Would like to review the project list at the March meeting. It will be added to the March agenda. Suggested making split wood stands/frames so firewood isn't on the ground and looks more aesthetically pleasing.
- VII. Meeting Adjourned: 7:56pm