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**Waterford Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 13, 2025
Leggett Campus, 3621 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328**

I. Meeting: Donna Kelley called meeting to order, 6:03pm

Members Present: Mary Bartolotta, Doug Bremner, Donna Kelley, Aleigha Maten, Rob Petrusha, Jim Powers, Gary Wall, Roman Wasylkevych and Linda Zabik

Excused Members: None

Also Present: Alison Swanson, Chrissy White, Lila and Terry Ball and Jim Zampol

II. Receive and Approve Agenda: Motion made by Roman Wasylkevych to approve January 13, 2026 agenda, support Jim Powers. Motion approved.

III. Introductions of guests.

IV. Receive and Approve Minutes: Motion made by Aleigha Maten to accept the minutes from December 9, 2025, support Roman Wasylkevych. Motion approved.

VII. Reports

a) Director's Report: Alison Swanson

- i. Basketball league games will be held at Pierce Middle School this year.
- ii. Daddy-Daughter and Mother-Son Dances will be in the Student Center at O.C.C. Highland Lakes Campus.
- iii. Looking for seasonal staff: day camp counselors, parks maintenance, farm attendant, nature center attendant, athletic field attendant.

b) Hess-Hathaway Park: Alison Swanson

- i. Discussion of restroom improvements to take place in late fall.

c) Golden Age Club – N/A

d) Township Government: Gary Wall

- i. Bi-weekly meetings with Planet Moran regarding the future community center have resumed.

e) Waterford School District: Rob Petrusha

- i. Adam Martin has joined the school district as the new superintendent and is a strong addition to the leadership team.

f) Drayton Plains Nature Center: Linda Zabik

- i. Maple trees along the South trail have been identified and marked by a master gardener in preparation for maple sap tapping in spring 2026. Based on sap yield, a decision will be made on whether to host an educational maple sap to syrup event at Drayton Plains Nature Center in 2027.
- ii. Jim Zampol removed several tree limbs from the property.

VI. **Old Business**

- a.) Community Center Update
 - i. Construction drawings have been approved and bids are being prepared.
 - ii. Community engagement will be needed regarding fitness equipment.

- b.) Consolidations of Programs at Leggett Campus
 - i. January 5 all programs were relaunched at Leggett. Things are going relatively well.
 - ii. Staff applied floor tape on the gym floor for pickleball.
 - iii. The Recreation Center will be vacated by the end of February and subsequently sold.

VII. **New Business**

- a.) DIA Partners in Public Art Mural at Hess-Hathaway Park
 - i. Waterford Township is partnering with the Detroit Institute of Arts to create a public mural that reflects our community. The mural will be installed during the 2026 calendar year on the exterior wall(s) of the maintenance barn at Hess-Hathaway Park. Input from the community is important so a survey will be posted on social media.

- b.) Nomination for 2026 Chairperson
 - i. Jim Powers nominated Donna Kelley as the Chairperson, support Rob Petrusha. Motion approved.

- c.) Nominations for 2026 Vice-Chairperson
 - ii. Gary Wall nominated Aleigha Maten as the Vice-Chairperson, support Jim Powers. Motion approved.

VII. **Roundtable**

- a.) Roman Wasylkevych, Greenways Committee meetings have resumed. Committee decided to monitor the Riverwalk twice a month. Sidewalk repairs and installs at certain intersections discussed. February or March online mapping to park trails should be available.

- b.) Jim Zampol asked about the disposition of the northern portion of the O.C.C. property, and Alison responded that no decision has been made at this time.

VIII. **Public Comments**

- a.) Lila Ball commented that Eagle Landings cut through to Hess is not paved. Gary Wall commented that there are 191 miles of public sidewalks in Waterford, not including neighborhood sidewalks.

IX. Motion to adjourn, Rob Petrusha, support Jim Powers. Motion approved. Adjournment at 6:59pm.