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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.