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**Waterford Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 8, 2022
Location: Warming House, 5050 Civic Center Drive**

I. Meeting: Donna Kelley called meeting to order, 6:33pm

Members Present: Donna Kelley, Gordon Briggs, Rob Petrusa, Roman Wasylykevych, Kellianne Yarnall, Mark Monohon, and Jim Powers

Excused: Chrissy White and Linda Zabik

Also Present: Alison Swanson, Eric Downey, Greg Lemke, Dave Whitehead, Jim Glassbrook

II. Receive and Approve Agenda: Motion made by Roman Wasylykevych to approve the agenda with the below changes and additions, support Rob Petrusa. Motion approved.

- a) Under (4) add Oakland County Earth Science Club presentation.
- b) Under (5) change to Receive and approve January 11, 2022 minutes.
- c) Under (8) add Approval of WCA Baseball 2022 Affiliation Agreement.
- d) Under (8) add Approval of Waterford Little League 2022 Affiliation Agreement.

III. Introduction of new members and guests: Jim Powers newly appointed member of Recreation Board. Eric Downey, Waterford Corsairs Football and Cheerleading. Greg Lemke, Dave Whitehead and Jim Glassbrook, Oakland County Earth Science Club.

IV. Presentations:

- a) Waterford Corsairs Football and Cheerleading. Annual presentation and request to approve their 2022 Affiliation Agreement. Motion to approve Waterford Corsairs 2022 Affiliation Agreement made by Roman Wasylykevych, support Rob Petrusa. Motion approved.
- b) Waterford Warriors Soccer Organization. No one from the organization attended the meeting to give their annual presentation and request approval of their 2022 Affiliation Agreement. Motion to table the presentation by and approval of the Waterford Warriors Soccer Organization's 2022 Affiliation Agreement to the April 12, 2022, Recreation Board Meeting made by Mark Monohon, second by Roman Wasylykevych. Motion approved.
- c) Oakland County Earth Science Club (OCESC). Operating at Recreation Center since 1960's. Requesting an updated Lease Agreement for use of the basement since the safety modifications required by Waterford Township were made to the grinding room equipment. They would be willing to run classes again. Primary point of contact between parks and recreation and OCECSC moving forward will be Greg Lemke (OCESC board member since 2017). Alison indicated that there are a couple of items holding up OCECSC access to utilize the basement: chair lift and replacement of floor tiles and will follow-up with Greg on the status of both. Before floor tiles are removed/replaced, OCECSC would like to gain access to basement to purge unneeded items. No official action taken by Parks and Recreation Board at this time.

V. Receive and Approve Minutes: Motion made by Gordon Briggs to accept the January 11, 2022, minutes with the as printed, support Roman Wasylykevych. Motion approved.

VI. Reports

a) Director's Report: Alison Swanson

- i. Now hiring for various seasonal positions. We are hopeful that we will not have an issue filling these positions due to a lack of applicants as we did in 2021.
- ii. Upcoming programs include Spring Flag Football League, Spring Soccer League Summer Ball League, Parent Child Playgroup & Art, Adult Softball, and more.
- iii. Finalizing our 2022 Summer Day Camp offerings.
- iv. Flash's Friendship Club, monthly event. Membership has grown to 40 individuals.
- v. Sheep Shearing and Pancake Breakfast – welcoming back the breakfast this year. Using the pavilion outside for eventgoers to eat under.
- vi. Other new programs include Mom 2 Mom Sale, Kids Garage Sale and Family Dance.
- vii. Spring Leisure and Educational Opportunities Brochure that we work with the Waterford School District on will be on in the next two weeks.

b) Hess-Hathaway Park: Alison Swanson

- i. Working on engineering for the pond improvement project. Water on west side of pond that is adjacent to Williams Lake Road, fluctuates and there is a need per the USDA to make sure that the fence line isn't impacted by the high water levels since we are a USDA Licensed Animal Exhibit Farm. Fence line is currently secure in the ground and reinforced with several cinderblocks so that waterfowl cannot go under the fence. We are looking to achieve a more permanent solution with this project.

c) Golden Age Club: Gordon Briggs

- i. Still feeling impact of COVID-19, currently at half of the participation numbers for programs. Seems some are still afraid to participate.
- ii. Will be helping with two upcoming Flash's Friendship Club events in April (playing corn hole) and May (playing bocce ball).
- iii. Will be modifying the membership application to include next-of-kin.

d) Township Government: Mark Monohon

- i. There has been some discussion on the possibility of bonding for a new Community Center.
- viii. Medical marijuana licenses being issued in the township.
- ix. Parks and Recreation Department's operating millage will be up for renewal in 2024.

e) Waterford School District: Rob Petrusa

- i. Written report. See attached document.

f) Drayton Plains Nature Center: Alison Swanson

- i. Working to finalize the updated Conservation Easement Management Plan. The proposed Plan will be presented to the Nature Center's Advisory Committee at their March 15, 2022, meeting for approval.
- ii. A few areas on the west side of the river will have some tree limbs removed that are affecting the water flow. These areas were suggested by the Water Resources (WRC) Commission, to Nature Center Advisory Committee President Murray Day.

VI. New Business

- a.) Park Assignment Selection: Members and their selected parks are listed on the attached document. Members will visit their selected parks at least once annually and give a report back to the department.
- b.) Motion to appoint Kellianne Yarnall as the Parks and Recreation Board Representative, on the Hess-Hathaway Park Advisory Committee by Roman Wasykewych, support Rob Petrusa. Motion approved.

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VII. Old Business

- a. Park Naming Rights Policy discussion. Comparing what other communities locally and nationally have for Naming Rights Policies. It is likely that our will not allow parks to be re-named, but only amenities within the parks or newly added amenities. The Ogg family is interested in having Pavilion II at Hess-Hathaway Park named after a family member. We will revisit this more at the next meeting. The Township Board of Trustees would also need to approve any Naming Rights Policy.
- b. WCA Baseball 2022 Affiliation Agreement. Motion to approve the 2022 Affiliation Agreement for WCA Baseball made by Roman Wasylkevych, support by Rob Petrusha. Motion approved.
- c. Waterford Little League 2022 Affiliation Agreement. Motion to approve the 2022 Affiliation Agreement for Waterford Little League made by Roman Wasylkevych, support by Rob Petrusha. Motion approved.

VIII. Roundtable

- a. Jim Powers indicated that the flag and flag pole at the Drayton Plains Nature Center needs to be looked at. There is a tree surrounding the flagpole that is causing an obstruction to the flag. Alison indicated she would have the caretaker or the maintenance crew address this concern.
- b. Eric Downey asked about our upcoming spring flag football program and indicated that this is in competition with Under Armor Flag Football. He mentioned that we could look into collaborating with Under Armor Football and possibly Under Armor for basketball as well. Alison will communicate this to Joe Okaiye, Recreation Supervisor that organizes the department's youth and adult athletic leagues.

- IX. Motion to adjourn, Roman Wasylkevych, support Jim Powers. Motion approved. Adjournment at 8:25pm.



Waterford School District Board of Education Report – March 2022

Donelson Hills Awarded Library Grant

Donelson Hills Elementary School was awarded a \$750 donation to their school library from Michigan Schools and Government Credit Union. A check presentation will take place on March 25. This is great news to receive during Reading Month!

W.I.R.E.D. Robotics Heading to World Championships

We are thrilled to share that at The VEXIQ Michigan Middle School State Championships, our WIRED team with students from Pierce Middle School was awarded the 5th Place Teamwork Award, earning a spot in the 2022 World Championships, this May, in Dallas, Texas!

Citizenship Award

Waterford Kettering student Trevor Donohue was recognized by Waterford Township and received the Citizenship Recognition Award, for stopping at the scene of an accident and reviving the driver who sustained injuries and was in shock from hitting a tree. What an outstanding act of bravery from a Waterford hero!

State Leadership Conference

Congratulations to our Student Council and Leadership teams! We are so proud of the accolades from the 2022 MASC/MAHS State Leadership Conference. Congratulations to Kettering for taking the Award of Excellence, and Exceptional Service Project. Kettering also earned the distinct honor of being recognized as the school with the highest donation to the charity. Mott Leadership also took home awards, including Student of the Year, Star School, Best in Showcase and top donar school for the State Charity.

Athletics Accolades

Waterford Mott Boys Basketball beat Lakeland High School to clinch the LVC Championship! Go Corsairs!

Waterford United Middle School Dance Team attended the Spirit Shine Dance Competition and won the State Championship in the miscellaneous division and second place in the junior pom division. Amazing job dancers!!

The Kettering Boys Bowling Team was named Regional Champions and Bowler Shane Gibson earned All State.

Kettering Captain Emily Medford earned All State, finishing 4th in the MHSAA Girls Wrestling State Finals. Emily is the first female from Waterford to place in the state finals! Captain Wrestlers Jayden Barnes, JJ Ferrell, Seth Ly, Cam Holland and Dylan Scott all qualified for the MHSAA State Tournament as well!

Bus Inspection

WSD is pleased to share our bus fleet passed the annual Michigan State Police Inspection process with Excellent results. The inspection took place from February 10 - 18. Sixty-one (61) buses were inspected and with only 3 red tags, which were promptly repaired and returned to service, achieved a 95% pass rate. Once again, the results of the inspection prove that our mechanics not only perform in an outstanding manner during the inspection process, but also take great care of our fleet all year to achieve such excellent results.

Security Assessment

Waterford School District is working with Secure Education Consultants (SEC) to complete a thorough security assessment of all Waterford School District facilities. Mr. Russell, who is conducting the assessment, has an extensive background in safety and security and was involved in the post-crisis investigation at Oxford High School. The information we learn in the security assessment will be critically important as we continue to enhance safety and security measures throughout the district, moving forward.