

**NATURE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019
DRAYTON PLAINS NATURE CENTER 6:30 P.M.**

- I. Call to order at 6:36pm
- II. Introduction of Members, Staff and Guests
Board Members Present: Jim Zampol, Aubrey Golden, Murray Day, Linda Zabik, Karen Joliet, Sandy Pulk
Others Present: Sara Frederick, Alison Swanson, Corwin Craite, Robert Hamner, Moriah Hamner, Forrester Solmen, Celeste Miller
Excused: Mary Barghahn, Gerard Couture, Terri Chapdelaine
- III. Review of January 2019 minutes. Motion to approve – Karen Joliet. Seconded – Aubrey Golden. Motion carried.
- IV. Reports
- a. **Financial**-Alison Swanson
 - i. Financial Report (See attachment)
 - ii. The department will be hiring two Nature Center Attendants from May-September. We are hosting a Job Fair on Wednesday, March 20th from 1:00pm-4:00pm at the Waterford Recreation Center, 5640 Williams Lake Road.
 - b. **Parks and Recreation** – Sara Frederick
 - i. Upcoming events:
 1. Spaghetti Dinner – Friday, April 5th 4:00-6:30pm, Waterford Recreation Center
 2. Earth Day Clean Up at the Parks – Monday, April 22nd – All day, all parks
 3. Sheep Shearing & Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, April 27th 9:00am-11:00am, Hess-Hathaway
 4. Spaghetti Dinner – Friday, May 3rd 4:00-6:30pm, Waterford Recreation Center
 5. Family Dance Party – Saturday, May 18th 6:00-8:00pm, Waterford Recreation Center
 6. Free summer concert series, every Thursday in June at Hess-Hathaway. Local talent is at 6:00pm, featured band starts at 7:00pm
 - c. **Caretaker** – Corwin Craite
 - i. Had a meeting with the coordinator of the Eagle Scout projects for Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties. Sending over a master list of possible Eagle Scout projects for Waterford Parks.
 - ii. Working on coordinating a joint work day with WWAM and the Kiwanis Club.
 - d. **Friends of the DPNC**- Terri Chapdelaine & Murray Day
 - i. Halloween Hayrides meetings will be starting up soon for 2019 planning.
 - e. **Staff** – N/a
 - f. **School District** – N/A
- V. Old Business
- a. Update on covered bridge repair – Went out for quotes in fall of 2018. Only received 1 quote. Parks and Recreation will be reaching out to other local roofing companies to quote bridge repair. We will now be getting quotes for a metal roof.

- b. Update on Cooley Elementary construction project and discussion on environmental study that was conducted.

VI. Round Table & New Business

a. Jim

- i. Question about Six Rivers
- ii. Question about possible extension of boardwalk along rivers end trail
- iii. Informed that the posts near Hatchery Road are being filled with trash. Possible fix would be to put in the spray foam to eliminate patrons from disposing of their trash in the post openings.

b. Murray

- i. Question about weddings at the DPNC

c. Karen

- i. Summit Place Demo – April 30th
- ii. Discussion on the Riverwalk overview

d. Alison

- i. Discussion on possible prescribed burn for 2020. Getting a proposal together and doing more research on the burn before anything is scheduled.

e. Corwin

- i. Poison Ivy / Poison Oak overtaking the area by the bog trail

f. Sandy

- i. Excited to be on the Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Committee. Former Deputy Treasurer for Waterford Township.

g. Forrester

- i. Question about the most pressing issue at the Drayton Plains Nature Center and what the department's goals are to resolve the issue.

VII. Meeting Adjourned : 7:56 pm