

DRAYTON PLAINS NATURE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, May 16, 2023 6:30PM
DRAYTON PLAINS NATURE CENTER, 2125 Denby Drive, Waterford

I. **Call to Order:** 6:30 pm

II. **Introduction of Members, Staff and Guests:**

- a. **Members Present:** Sandy Pulk, Murray Day, Terri Chapdelaine, Jim Zampol, Teresa Serowoky, Aubrey Golden and Pat Donohue
- b. **Also Present:** Josh Lumsden, Ian Ableson, Annie Humphrey and Tori Heglin
- c. **Guest:** Martina Golden

III. **Review and Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

IV. **Review and Approve March 21 Minutes:** Motion to approve. Motion passed.

V. **REPORTS**

a. **Director's Report: Financial Report submitted at meeting and attached.**

b. **Parks and Recreation Report: Tori Heglin**

- i. Garlic Mustard Pull is scheduled for Friday, May 19, 9am-12pm (the bulk of the work will be done in the Pine Flats). Ten individuals are committed to participating including: Ian, Sandy, Annie, Josh, Tori, Sarah Herc (Camp Director) and Matt Hauser (Camp Assistant Director).
- ii. Camp Staff has been hired for the summer of 2023 (Sarah Herc, Matt Hauser, Sarah Wright and Victoria Strom).

c. **Caretaker Report: Josh Lumsden**

- i. Changed oil in mowers
- ii. Worked with Todd to remove inoperable equipment from the barn
- iii. Trying to grow grass in areas previously full of wood chips
- iv. June 3rd is the first scheduled youth probation community service event this year. A number of tasks are planned:
 - a. Fill bollards at Dam #1 with concrete
 - b. Add bollards/barriers to Dam #2
 - c. Add bollards/barriers to Denby Drive (Big Woods) Entrance
 - d. Fill in holes throughout front lawn
 - e. Remove boardwalk
 - f. Plant a tree
 - g. Access control for parking lot path
- v. Working to schedule Children's Village community service program
- vi. Josh could use a pole-saw

d. **Friends of the Drayton Plains Nature Center: Terri Chapdelaine and Murray Day**

- i. We have applied for Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission/Oakland County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area Funded Projects. We are hoping to address the phragmites issue in Pond 8, 9, and 10 and bittersweet overgrowth in the Pine Flats. Ian Ableson reports that he feels that we are most likely to receive funding for bittersweet removal. Oakland County designated contractors would do the work. Pond #8 is flooded, if deep enough this may discourage growth of phragmites. Ian believes it is feasible to treat phragmites in Pond #4 in the fall if it is dry.
- ii. Eric Chapman (neighbor) will be designing six interpretive signs.
- iii. Ian informed committee of a Stewardship Program through Michigan State University. This is an eight-week course beginning Wednesday, September 20. Anyone is welcome (\$250).
- iv. Tori will reach out to the Vibe Credit Union to schedule a woody invasive removal work day in the fall after October 1st. Six Rivers Land Conservancy would provide the equipment.

VI. **Old Business**

Boardwalk by River: Grant is not available at this point for this project.

Trails: Brush Hog contractor was scheduled to cut by the end of March. It is too late now. Terri will contact another contractor. All trails should be accessible to vehicles if there were an injury or emergency. We should determine the width needed.

VII. **New Business**

Terri informed the committee that this year's count of birds recorded at Drayton Plains Nature Center brings the Center to a total of 196 species observed since count initiated in the 1990's. The American Kestrel and Rusty Blackbird were added this year.

VIII. **Roundtable**

J. Zampol: J. Zampol requested more information on the bulldozing underway by the Mt. Zion Community Center on Crescent Lake Road by the "telephone booth" information post on the RiverWalk Trail.

A. Humphrey: The Drayton Plains Nature Center received 216 visitors inside the interpretive center in 2022. This year, Annie has ten youth programs scheduled between June 15 and August 24 on Thursdays at 4pm. We are charging \$5 per class this year. Annie is setting up a gift shop, wants to place a bluegill in the fish tank (native to our area) and is working on a bottle/can fundraiser.

IX. **Public Comments:** none

X. **Adjournment:** 7:59pm

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 18, 2023, 6:30pm

Location: Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby Drive, please meet at the Pavilion. We will be taking a walk to the south of the parking lot to discuss the decision whether to close the trail or re-route the trail. After this walk, we will hold our meeting inside. Please remember to dress appropriately. We will be providing Natrapel and Ben's for protection from ticks and insects.

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**DRAYTON PLAINS NATURE CENTER
 FINANCIAL REPORT**

DPNC YTD EXPENSES - MAY 11, 2023					
ACCT DESCRIPTION	AMT. BUDGETED	AMT. EXPENDED	REMAINING AMT.	% USED YTD	
NATURE CTR - SUPPLIES-R&M-BLDG	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,950.00	2.50	
NATURE CENTER SUPPLIES-R&M GR	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 620.64	\$ 3,879.36	13.79	
NATURE CENTER - ANIMAL CARE SUPPLIES	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	0.00	
NATURE CENTER PUBLIC UTILITIES	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 1,888.15	\$ 3,711.85	33.72	
NATURE CTR -CONTR R&M-BUILDING	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,125.00	\$ 375.00	85.00	
NATURE CENTER -CONTR R&M-PARKS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 537.92	\$ 4,462.08	10.76	
DPNC - RECREATION ACTIVITIES	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	0.00	
Total Expenses YTD	\$	5,221.71			

DPNC YTD REVENUE - MAY 11, 2023			
ACCT DESCRIPTION	REVENUE BUDGETED	REVENUE YTD	% YTD
RENTALS - NATURE CENTER	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 590.00	19.67
FEES - NATURE CENTER PROGRAMS & CAMPS	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,175.00	783.33
Total Revenue YTD	\$	1,765.00	

DPNC CD				
	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned	Ending Balance	Interest Rate
2021 - renewed until 6/6/22	\$ 573,666.72	\$ 2,031.90	\$ 575,698.62	2%
2022 - renewed until 6/6/23	\$ 575,698.62	\$ 1,174.37	\$ 576,872.99	1.50%

5-11-23: Inquiring w/ Twp. Treasurer about renewing for longer than a 1-year term to possibly get a higher interest rate.

