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**Waterford Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

I. Meeting: Alison Swanson called meeting to order, 6:38pm

Members Present: – Jerry Beseau – Waterford Twp. MI, Allison Buczek - Waterford Twp. MI, Dan Ludwig – Waterford Twp. MI, – Rob Petrusha – Waterford Twp. MI, and Roman Wasylkevych – Waterford Twp., MI, and Linda Zabik – Linden, MI

Not Present: Donna Kelley, JR Olerich, and Kim Markee

Also Present: Steve McCready – Waterford Twp., MI, Alison Swanson - White Lake Twp. MI, and Chrissy White – White Lake Twp. MI

II. Receive and Approve Agenda: Motion made by Jerry Beseau to accept the agenda as printed, support Allison Buczek. Motion approved.

III. Receive and Approve Minutes: Motion made by Rob Petrusha to accept the May minutes as printed, support Jerry Beseau. Motion approved.

IV. New Business:

a) No new business.

V. Reports

a) Director's Report: Alison Swanson

i. Special Events

- a. 70th Anniversary Block Party – Saturday, June 12th, 3:00-6:00pm at the Civic Center Soccer Fields. We are very excited for this free event! Thank you to our sponsors and staff that have worked so hard to put this together.
- b. Golden Age Club Volunteer Luncheon was last week. Thank you to all of the volunteers that help make our events possible.
- c. Spaghetti Dinner To Go – Friday, June 18th, \$8 per meal - pre-registration required.
- d. Concerts in the Park – Concerts on Thursdays the month of June at Hess-Hathaway Park. We could use help parking cars!
- e. Big Wheels – Saturday, September 11th, no horn zone 1:00-2:00pm; event will be planned in conjunction with the Longest Breakfast Table.
- f. Funtober – Saturday, October 16th, 12:00-5:00pm
- g. Harvest Happening, Sunday, October 3rd, currently in the planning stages of the event.

ii. Programs

- a. Tiny Hawks Baseball started June 5th at Hess-Hathaway Park and is for ages 2-4.

- b. Summer Ball League for boys and girls ages 5-17 starts the week of June 14th.
 - c. Summer day camps will begin soon and will most likely fill up.
 - d. Our therapeutic recreation club, Flash's Friendship Club is back this summer!
The group will meet at a concert in June, go fishing in July and meet at a fitness class!
- iii. Projects
 - a. We are working with the Waterford Rotary Club to purchase a new play structure for Rotary Park. Parks & Recreation will purchase the play structure and will store it. The Rotary Club will apply for grants and will do fundraising offset the some of the cost incurred and some of the cost to install it and have it put in at the park.
- b) **Hess-Hathaway Park: Jerry Beseau**
- i. Community Garden – Gardeners can now water the garden thanks to the new pressure tank that was installed.
 - ii. Animals are good on farm; 8 baby turkeys (Blue Slate breed), 2 Dexter Steer will arrive June 21st.
 - iii. Playground inspected and a few parts need to be replaced.
 - iv. Discussion regarding a caretaker for the park.
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- c) **Golden Age Club: Dan Ludwig**
- i. Golden Ages Games were cancelled due to low enrollment.
 - ii. GAC memberships are down this year.
 - iii. Plant sale raised \$1,262.00 this year!
 - iv. A bench was donated in Howard Blouin name.
- d) **Township Government: Kim Markee**
- i. No report.
- e) **Waterford School District: Rob Petrusha**
- i. Graduation will be held on June 13th at DTE Music Theatre.
 - ii. A few new principals in the district: Ben Howard - Kettering High School, Kristen Woods-Helms – Durant High School, Andrea Bratton – Stepanski Early Childhood Center.
 - iii. Annual Waterford Foundation Golf Outing will be June 15th – This is not only a fundraising event, it is also a recognition event in which a Waterford graduate or outstanding community member is recognized for his or her achievements and their commitment to community service.
- f) **Drayton Plains Nature Center: Linda Zabik**
- i. Garlic Mustard Pull was a success! 6-70 gallon bags and 11-33 gallon bags of garlic mustard was collected.
 - ii. Work session meeting June 15th – discuss and prioritize the goals list.

VI. **Roundtable**

- a) Alison Swanson starting July 1st the Township will be holding in-person public meetings.
- b) Steve McCready is looking for volunteers to help out at Hess-Hathaway Park on Saturdays.

Motion to adjourn, Rob Petrusha, support Allison Buczek. Motion approved. Adjournment at 7:14 pm.