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**Waterford Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Location: Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby Drive

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

Members Present: Donna Kelley, Gordon Briggs, Matthew Lawton, Kellianne Yarnall, Mark Monohon, Jim Powers, Rob Petrusha, and Linda Zabik

Excused Members: Roman Wasylkevych

Also Present: Alison Swanson, Chrissy White, Jim Zampol, Greg Lemke, and Steve Klein

II. Receive and Approve Agenda: Motion made by Linda Zabik to approve the agenda, support Roman Wasylkevych. Motion approved.

III. Introduction of guests: Introduction of new Recreation Board member, Matthew Lawton.

IV. Receive and Approve Minutes: Motion made by Jim Powers to accept the June 14, 2022, minutes as printed, support Matthew Lawton. Motion approved.

V. Reports

a) Director's Report: Alison Swanson

- i. Written report. See attached document.

b) Hess-Hathaway Park: Kellianne Yarnall

- i. Caretaker house projects have been completed, final walk through this week.
- ii. Caretaker position has been posted.
- iii. Fencing project has been awarded to Tippin Fence.
- iv. Received four bids for the pond project.
- v. Harvest Happening was a great success this year!

c) Golden Age Club: Gordon Briggs

- i. Spaghetti dinner was October 7, 200+ people attended, first in-person one since March 2022..
- ii. \$540 was collected from the bake sale at Harvest Happening.
- iii. Donating 3-\$50 baskets for the Holiday Extravaganza Parade.
- iv. Next meeting is Wednesday, November 16.

d) Township Government: Mark Monohon

- i. Discussion regarding pathways along Hatchery Road.
- ii. Discussion regarding budget meetings.

e) Waterford School District: Rob Petrusha

- i. Time Capsule that was buried during 1995-1997 school years was dug up and will be opened during the Mott vs. Kettering game on October 22..
- ii. Congratulations to our high school marching bands! The Marching Captains received 1st place band, in Class B, and also won the caption for Best Music in Class B at the

Scholastic Marching Band Invitational held in Troy. The Mott marching band also received 3rd place in the Class A competition.

f) **Drayton Plains Nature Center: Linda Zabik**

- i. Annual walking tour cancelled due to weather.
- ii. Friends of the Nature Center cancelled their Haunted Hayrides event.
- iii. Discussion regarding Riverwalk and connecting pathway to the Nature Center.

VI. **New Business**

- a.) No new business discussed.

VII. **Roundtable**

- a. Discussion regarding whether or not OCC Highland Lakes Campus was closing and moving nursing program to Auburn Hills.
- b. Up-coming Special Events: Funtober, October 15; Howl-o-ween, October 29; Silent DJ Party, November 18; Craft Show, November 12, Flash Friendship Group activities, Escape Room, October 21, Lightning Basketball, November 18 and Year end celebration dinner, December 8.

VIII. **Public Comments**

- a. Oakland County Earth Science Club, President, Greg Lemke would like to resume using the space in the basement for his Club. Alison will get an updated contract to her within the next couple weeks.
- b. Steve Klein – Discussion regarding preserving land for wildlife

IX. Motion to adjourn, Gordon Briggs, support Linda Zabik. Motion approved. Adjournment at 7:57pm.