

DRAYTON PLAINS NATURE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES
(No official meeting minutes, no quorum for this meeting)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021, 6:30PM
WATERFORD RECREATION CENTER, 5640 WILLIAMS LAKE ROAD, WATERFORD MI 48329

- I. **Start time:** 6:36 pm, Terri Chapdelaine
- II. **Introduction of Members, Staff and Guests:**
 - a. **Members Present:** Jim Zampol, Terri Chapdelaine and Teresa Serowoky
 - b. **Also Present:** Alison Swanson, Josh Lumsden and Tori Heglin
 - c. **Excused:** Sandy Pulk, Ian Ableson, Aubrey Golden, Murray Day, Mike Ristich, Marie Hauswirth and Linda Zabik
- III. **Review Minutes from September 2021 Meeting:** T. Chapdelaine requested minutes edited with the following correction: V, d, iii: Last sentence instead of saying – “Special attention has been given to the prairie,” indicate: “special attention has been given to the wooded area on the edge of the prairie by the big wood lot”. **September minutes will need to be approved at December meeting.**
- IV. **Reports:**
 - a. **Director’s Report: Alison Swanson**
 - i. Jim Zampol inquired if the Drayton Plains Nature Center Conservation Easement was in perpetuity. Alison will verify with original document from 2005.
 - ii. Budget Request for 2022 includes three additional part-time year-round positions for the Parks and Recreation Department: 1 farm position for Hess-Hathaway and 2 day-time custodians for Recreation Center. Recreation Center and all of our older facilities continue to need more and more maintenance annually to sustain them. There are plans to relocate the department’s Town Hall staff over to the Recreation Center in 2022.
 - iii. Drayton Plains Nature Center parking lot has been greatly improved by the distribution of asphalt millings on Monday, October 4.
 - iv. Teal Truck Photo Shoot on Saturday, November 6 had 34 families registered. Family and friends came out for their photos on the display pick-up truck in front of the covered bridge at the Nature Center. Pets were included.
 - v. Cooley Elementary School run-off concern: There is a lock on the school’s retention pond gate now. Alison is still following through on the run-off water issue and has emailed Sandra Elka with the district about this.
 - vi. Wish list is being requested from Josh Lumsden for 2022 supplies and purchases. Discussion included gazebo repairs, skid steer, 6 rakes, 6 loppers and sign for Hatchery Road. Capital improvement projects as well as smaller items may be submitted. Re-purposing pedestrian bridge by Hatchery Road was discussed.
 - b. **Parks and Recreation: Tori Heglin**
 - i. Funtober event on Saturday, October 16th at Hess-Hathaway Park was well-received. 167 registrants came out to the park. Balance was \$1,640.39 after supply expense (but not included staff expense). Attendance was impacted by the rainy weather, thankfully the skies did clear in the afternoon.
 - ii. Holiday Hoopla and Tree Lighting: Program has been adjusted for COVID concerns for the second year in a row. All activities are outdoors on Saturday, December 11 from 3:30-5:30pm with the Tree Lighting at 5:40pm.
 - c. **Caretaker Report: Josh Lumsden**
 - i. Leaf clean-up is being addressed by raking and mulching with the mower.
 - ii. Working with Children’s Village to get regular community service assistance on weekends into next year.
 - iii. Contents of fire pit will be burned.
 - iv. Planning on one more grass cutting before the end of the year.
 - d. **Friends of the Drayton Plains Nature Center: Terri Chapdelaine**
 - i. M. Day is in contact with Water Resource Commission to monitor and hopefully control the pond water level not being too high or too low with a consideration for these areas as animal habitats.
- V. **Old Business**

Management Plan will be sent out soon to committee members with a deadline for response, so that this can be finalized by year-end.
- VI. **New Business**

2022 meeting dates distributed

VII. **Roundtable**

J. Zampol: Asked if Kiwanis Club was still adopting the DPNC. Alison indicated it was for a one-year term, and will verify with them to see if they are still interested in this. Noticed lights under pavilion on during the evening maybe those should be off and light box locked. Tori will get lock for light box, but keys for lock will be needed for Josh, maintenance, friends of DPNC and staff. Josh and Terri will work together to address the lights out on the bridge.

J. Lumsden: To decrease the risk of vandalism, Josh and others discussed asking Waterford PD to patrol the park.

VIII. **Public Comments** N/A

IX. **Adjournment:** 7:39p.m.