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**Waterford Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 9, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

- I. **Meeting: Donna Kelley called meeting to order, 6:34pm**
Members Present: Jerry Beseau – Waterford Twp. MI, Allison Buczek – Waterford Twp. MI, Donna Kelley – Waterford Twp. MI, Dan Ludwig – Waterford Twp. MI, Kim Markee – Waterford Twp. MI, Rob Petrusha – Waterford Twp. MI, Roman Wasylkevych – Waterford Twp. MI
Excused: Linda Zabik
Not Present: JR Olerich
Also Present: Paul Duff – Waterford Twp. MI, Aleigha Maten – Waterford Twp. MI, Joe Okaiye – Wixom, MI, Alison Swanson - White Lake Twp. MI, Chrissy White – White Lake Twp. MI.
- II. **Receive and Approve Agenda:** Motion made by Jerry Beseau to accept the agenda as printed, support Rob Petrusha. Motion approved.
- III. **Receive and Approve Minutes:** Motion made by Jerry Beseau to change January minutes to say there is no winter maintenance being performed on farm equipment at this time, support Kim Markee. Motion approved.
- IV. **New Business:**
 - a) Annual Presentation for Waterford Coaches Association presented by Paul Duff and Aleigha Maten.
 - i. Motion made by Rob Petrusha to accepted the 2021 Affiliation Agreement with Waterford Coaches Association, support Roman Wasylkevych. Motion approved.
 - b) Senior Travel and Trip Companion Policy
 - i. If a disabled person is unable to board and exit the busses used for day trips and extended travel trips, they must be accompanied by a companion capable of assisting them.
 - ii. Jerry Beseau made a motion to amend the policy to include that the traveler's companion must also register and pay for the day trip or extended travel trip, support Rob Petrusha. Motion approved.
 - c) Background Screening Policy Updates
 - i. Changes to the existing policy were discussed. Alison will make the changes on the policy and present it to the board at the March meeting.
- V. **Reports**
 - a) **Director's Report: Alison Swanson**
 - i. Our department is working with Oakland County Parks. They are offering several programs to various communities and we are taking advantage of this; Cabin Fever Relief, Habitats and Movement. We are hoping to utilize their offerings for summer day camps too.
 - ii. Upcoming programs: Snowball Soiree, Parking Lot Bingo, National Unplugged Day, Dine & Dash St. Patty's Bash, Betty the Yeti Scavenger Hunt, Egg My House, Hop into Spring.
 - iii. The Recreation Center is open, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm; pre-registration is required for day programs.
 - iv. Improvements at the Recreation Center; windows should all be installed by the end of

February, rooms have a touch of color and have Waterford Parks and Recreation themed artwork on the walls.

- v. We are recipients of a community partnership with Great Lakes Crossing; nominated by their employee Erik Shreefel a long time resident of Waterford Township. We look at our projects list and determine which one would benefit from the \$1,000 donation.
- b) **Hess-Hathaway Park: Jerry Beseau**
 - i. Caretaker house needs repair before a new caretaker moves in.
 - ii. Caretaker application process needs to resume.
 - iii. Alison and Tori are working on fencing for animal closure.
 - iv. Gardens are closed for the season.
- c) **Golden Age Club: Dan Ludwig**
 - i. January 27 board meeting was cancelled due to COVID restrictions.
 - ii. Next meeting will be located at the VFW Post at 12:45pm.
- d) **Township Government: Kim Markee**
 - i. The risk limiting audit went well.
 - ii. State of the Township is on February 24 at 8:00am, more information can be found on the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce's website.
 - iii. Township offices will be closed Monday, February 15 for President's Day.
 - iv. Winter taxes are due February 16.
- e) **Waterford School District: Rob Petrusha**
 - i. For the first time since March 2020 all schools are open for Face-to-Face learning.
 - ii. Sports have resumed.
- f) **Drayton Plains Nature Center: Alison Swanson**
 - i. 24" of water has been left in two of the ponds; residents may skate at their own risk.
 - ii. Oakland County Parks program Habitats and Movement will be on March 21. They will incorporate nature and snowshoeing.
 - iii. Josh, our caretaker captured a picture of a Bald Eagle. The picture can be seen on our Facebook page.
 - iv. We are forming a subcommittee of the Nature Center to review and update the Six Rivers Land Conservancy Management Plan, which is the conservation easement management plan on the property.

Motion to adjourn, Rob Petrusha, support Jerry Beseau. Motion approved. Adjournment at 7:25pm.