

NATURE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019
DRAYTON PLAINS NATURE CENTER 6:30 P.M.

- I. Call to order at 6:36pm
- II. Introduction of Members, Staff and Guests
Board Members Present: Jim Zampol, Aubrey Golden, Murray Day, Gerard Couture, Terri Chapdelaine, Karen Joliet
Others Present: Sara Frederick, Alison Swanson, Corwin Craite
Excused: Mary Barghahn, Linda Zabik
- III. Review of November 2018 minutes. Motion to approve – Aubrey Golden. Seconded – Karen Joliet. Motion carried.
- IV. Reports
- a. Financial**-Alison Swanson
- i. Financial Report (See attachment)
 - ii. The department is still waiting on the CD statement from the Treasures department. Parks and Recreation will know then how much interest has been made this year.
- b. Parks and Recreation** – Sara Frederick
- i. Upcoming events:
 1. Pirate Bash & Mermaid Splash – Friday, January 25th 6:00-7:30pm Recreation Center
 2. Spaghetti Dinner – Friday, February 1st 4:00-6:30pm Recreation Center
 3. Daddy Daughter Dance – Saturday, February 9 2:00-4:00p pr 6:00-8:00p Recreation Center
 4. Mother Son Dance – Saturday, March 9 6:00-8:00p Recreation Center
 - ii. Youth sports update:
 1. Youth basketball is scheduled to start on Saturday, February 2nd. This year the league was pushed back a month, which allowed a 13% increase of registration.
 2. All youth spring and summer sports have started registration
 - iii. Special Needs Social Club:
 1. January-March Calendar is now out. Combined Little Buddies and Flash’s Friendship Club together. Now just for all ages 4 and older.
 2. Looking for sponsors for monthly activities
- c. Caretaker** – Corwin Craite
- i. Has continued with general trail maintenance of the trails
 - ii. Only outstanding maintenance item of 2018 – Tree down on Rivers Edge Trail. Working with Todd on removal of tree this month
 - iii. Continuing rounds of the park weekly
 - iv. WWAM is scheduled for next weekend
 - v. When spring starts, Corwin will be scheduling WWAM and Kiwanis Club together for a spring cleanup
- d. Friends of the DPNC**- Terri Chapdelaine & Murray Day
- i. Donated the original rendering of the Drayton Plains Nature Center. The rendering was framed by a donation from the Friends of the Nature Center. The frame is displayed on a wall on the 2nd floor of the Interpretive Building.
 - ii. 15-20 buckthorn trees have been eliminated
 - iii. Submitted annual bird species report to Waterford Parks and Recreation

- iv. Updated DPNC goals list
- v. Halloween Hayride planning starts up soon. Event will be on Saturday, October 19th. Looking in to possibly hosting on Friday, October 18th as well.

e. **Staff** – N/a

f. **School District** – N/A

V. Old Business

- a. Motion to approve Terri Chapdelaine membership renewal to the Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Committee for three years – Murray Day. Seconded – Gerard Couture. Motion carried.
- b. Motion to approve Gerard Couture membership renewal to the Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Committee for three years – Murray Day. Seconded – Jim Zampol. Motion carried.

VI. Round Table & New Business

- a. Motion to accept Don Irwin's resignation as a member of the Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Committee – Aubrey Golden. Second – Jim Zampol. Motion carried.
- b. Jim – Question about construction at Cooley Elementary and the impacts of the construction and the nature center. Alison is reaching out the school board to see if there will be an environmental study being done there.
- c. Terri – Discussion on outstanding items on the DPNC goals list.
- d. Karen – Kiwanis Club would like to host fundraising events at the nature center, looking for ideas
- e. Alison – Was given a postcard from May 1920 with a photo of one of the Ponds at the Nature Center.

VII. Meeting Adjourned : 7:40 pm