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**Waterford Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Location: Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby Drive

I. Meeting: Donna Kelley called meeting to order, 6:32pm

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

Also Present: Alison Swanson, Joe Okaiye, Chrissy White, Jim Zampol, Martina Golden, Aubrey Golden, Lori Champagne, Terry Chapdelaine, Sue Kelsey, Dr. Chris Bobryk, and Amanda Richardson

II. Receive and Approve Agenda: Motion made by Roman Wasylykevych to approve the agenda, support Gordon Briggs. Motion approved.

III. Introduction of guests: Susan D. Kelsey and Dr. Chris Bobryk, Clinton River Watershed Council, Amanda Richardson, Waterford Warriors Soccer Club, Terri Chapdelaine, Aubrey Golden, Drayton Plains Nature Center Advisory Committee, Martina Golden and Jim Zampol, Waterford Residents.

IV. Presentations:

- a) Clinton River Watershed Council. Informational presentation on the Clinton River Watershed Council by Susan D. Kelsey, Interim Executive Director and Dr. Chris Bobryk, Watershed Planner.
- b) Waterford Warriors Soccer Organization. Annual presentation and request to approve their 2022 Affiliation Agreement. Motion to approve Waterford Warriors Soccer 2022 Affiliation Agreement made by Linda Zabik, support Jim Powers. Motion Approved.

V. Receive and Approve Minutes: Motion made by Rob Petrusha to accept the March 8, 2022, minutes as printed with the notation that the parks assignments wasn't attached in the email that was sent out, support Gordon Briggs. Motion approved.

VI. Reports

a) Director's Report: Alison Swanson

- i. Program Report
 - Youth Basketball, 87 players registered. Youth Soccer, 332 players registered.
- ii. Facility Rentals
 - End of March 2022, 94 rentals booked. End of March 2021, 77 rentals booked.
- iii. St. Pat's Luncheon was held on March 17, we had 50 people attend. In order to keep the lunch prices \$1.00 lower, we offered the meal as a cafeteria-style meal rather than a full luncheon with entertainment and other added features. This was well received by those in attendance.
- iv. The new Rotary Park playground is scheduled for installation May 19-20 as long as weather cooperates. A dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting will be held in June. Project funding made possible by Waterford Parks and Recreation Departments, Waterford Rotary Club and many generous donors.
- v. Upcoming Special Events: Sheep Shearing and Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, April 23, Earth Day Hikes, Saturday, April 23, Mom 2 Mom Sale, Saturday, April 30 and Waterford Festival of Arts, Saturday, May 14.

b) Hess-Hathaway Park: Alison Swanson

- i. Working on engineering for the pond improvement project. Water on west side of pond that is adjacent to Williams Lake Road, fluctuates and there is a need per the USDA to make sure that the fence line isn't impacted by the high water levels since we are a USDA Licensed Animal Exhibit Farm. Fence line is currently secure in the ground and reinforced with several cinderblocks so that waterfowl cannot go under the fence. We are looking to achieve a more permanent solution with this project.
- ii. The farm has lost several animals due to old age; getting new animals has been postponed due to pond/fencing project.

c) Golden Age Club: Gordon Briggs

- i. Card Party is scheduled for May 18, the largest fundraiser of the year for the club.
- ii. Coffee is now available at the Rec Center for participants.
- iii. Some Golden Age members have volunteered to help with the next Flash's Friendship Club event. On April 22 they will be assisting the participants with the game of cornhole.

d) Township Government: Mark Monohon

- i. The Township will receive money from the American Relief Plan Act that will help fund projects etc. Alison submitted a project list the Township Board.
- ii. Before each Township Board meeting Mark would like to sit down with Alison.
- iii. The Riverwalk is in its final phase. The pathway will take the path from the sidewalk at Crescent Lake Road and Tubbs Road into the Drayton Plains Nature Center. A time line for this phase of construction hasn't been established.

e) Waterford School District: Rob Petrusha

- i. Written report. See attached document.

f) Drayton Plains Nature Center: Alison Swanson and Linda Zabik

- i. Vandalism issues, damaging electrical outlets under the pavilion, breaking into the cabin etc.
- ii. Garlic Mustard Pull Friday, May 20.
- iii. Linda would like to request that the budget be shared with the Board quarterly.

VI. New Business

- a.) No new business was discussed.

VII. Roundtable

- a. After a two-year hiatus the Memorial Day Parade will return this year! Candy will not be permitted to be thrown into the crowd.

VIII. Motion to adjourn, Gordon Briggs, support Rob Petrusha. Motion approved. Adjournment at 8:30pm.



Board of Education Report April 2022

WATERFORD WELCOME DAYS

Waterford School District was ready with smiles and swag Saturday afternoon for Waterford Welcome Days, planned to welcome new enrollees to the District. This event is part of our new enrollment campaign, *Today's Student, Tomorrow's Leader*. We will have additional Welcome Days on April 26, at Stepanski Early Childhood Center and May 6, at the Leggett Campus. We will also have booths available for enrollment at the Support Local Expo and Summer Concerts in the Park, hosted by the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce.

Waterford School District is currently accepting Schools of Choice enrollment for Junior Kindergarten through 1st grade, as well as our innovative STEM Academy, located at Mott High School. We are also accepting enrollment for Waterford residents in all grade levels.

MSBOA BAND AND ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

Waterford Kettering High School was the host for the MSBOA Band and Orchestra Festival and the MSVMA Choral Festival. These festivals are opportunities for our music staff and students to showcase their efforts, knowledge, and talents to professional clinicians and receive valuable feedback on things they are doing well and can do in the future to improve. Congratulations to all of the students who participated and made this event a great success! Waterford Mott High School Honors Concert Band received a "One," which is a "Superior Rating," and all the WKHS Choirs: Concert/Treble Choruses, Harmonia and Chamber received a Division I rating.

SELECT FIFTY

On Tuesday, March 22, the Waterford Foundation for Public Education hosted the Select Fifty Banquet to honor outstanding graduating high school seniors, 25 each from Waterford Kettering and Mott High Schools. Each year, students are selected by their school faculty based on their achievements in leadership, citizenship and academics. Congratulations to these students and thank you to the Waterford Foundation for celebrating teaching and learning in Waterford Schools.

ATHLETIC ACCOLADES

We are excited to share that Waterford Mott Girls Basketball has earned BCAM Academic All State! Go Corsairs!

Congratulations to Kettering Captain Drake Spencer, who signed to play football at Albion College next fall.

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

A new early childhood building was included in the 2020 Bond approved by the Waterford School District voters on August 4, 2020. This new building will house all preschool programs on one floor and incorporate the components that create a solid and innovative preschool program. Visit www.waterford.k12.mi to explore what the future holds for our youngest students. We are excited to officially break ground on Friday, April 29.