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**Waterford Parks and Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 11, 2021
Virtual Meeting**

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

Members Present: – Jerry Beseau – Waterford Twp. MI, Allison Buczek - Waterford Twp. MI, Donna Kelley – Waterford Twp. MI, Dan Ludwig – Waterford Twp. MI, – Rob Petrusha – Waterford Twp. MI - Kim Markee – Waterford Twp. MI, and Roman Wasylkevych – Inglewood, FL, and Linda Zabik – Waterford Twp. MI

Not Present: JR Olerich

Also Present: Alison Swanson - White Lake Twp. MI, and Chrissy White – White Lake Twp. MI

II. Receive and Approve Agenda: Motion made by Jerry Beseau to accept the agenda as printed, support Kim Markee. Motion approved.

III. Receive and Approve Minutes: Motion made by Rob Petrusha to accept the April minutes as printed, support Linda Zabik. Motion approved.

IV. New Business:

a) Adopt-a-Park Application – Fish Hatchery Park

i. Motion made by Kim Markee to accept the Glass Family to adopt Fish-Hatchery Park from May 2021 to May 2022, support Jerry Beseau. Motion approved.

b) Sealcoating, crack filling repair in some areas and striping at Hess-Hathaway Park and Waterford Recreation Center has been awarded to A&R Sealcoating and we will get project dates scheduled shortly. This was approved at the April 26, 2021, Township Board Meeting.

i. Hess-Hathaway Park \$4,400.00
ii. Waterford Recreation Center \$12, 950.00

V. Reports

a) **Director's Report: Alison Swanson**

- i. We will be working with the Waterford Rotary Club to bring a play structure back to Rotary Park. We will help with fundraising, donations and grants with some Parks and Recreation funds to purchase and install a new play structure. The old, non-compliant play structure was removed in the spring of 2020.
- ii. Youth soccer league is currently being played; everyone is adhering to the Covid restrictions.
- iii. Currently accepting late registrations for Summer Ball until May 14.
- iv. Volunteer work day at the Nature Center on Friday, May 21 for our annual Garlic Mustard Pull.
- v. Lifelong Recreation: registration for the GAC Games goes until May 27; Plant Sale May

21-22; revamped walking program called S.T.R.I.D.E., participants can win prizes and will get a t-shirt, Jeannine Poulin, Recreation Coordinator obtained sponsors to offset the cost of the prizes and t-shirts.

- vi. Flash's Friendship Club, our therapeutic recreation social club will be having yoga in the park on May 14 and will attend one of our summer concerts.
- vii. Plan to run Concerts in the Park with the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce. Concerts will be on Thursdays in June at Hess-Hathaway Park.
- viii. Block Party on Saturday, June 12 on the Civic Center Soccer Fields celebrating Parks and Recreation's 70th Anniversary. Jeannine Poulin has secured sponsors to offset the cost of the attractions.
- ix. Spaghetti Dinner To-Go was a success! Discussing about doing more of these to go dinners until we can do them in-person.
- x. April special events: Egg My House, Hop into Spring, Sheep Shearing were all very successful!

b) Hess-Hathaway Park: Jerry Beseau

- i. Caretaker house repairs have been discussed by Alison Swanson and Todd Butler, Parks Crew Leader.
- ii. Will discuss purchasing two Dexter Steers at the Hess Advisory Committee meeting on May 17.
- iii. Community Garden: 88 plots have been sold; no new additional plots will be added this year; currently working to replace the pressure tank for the water source for the gardeners.

c) Golden Age Club: Dan Ludwig

- i. Next Golden Age Club Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26. There cannot be an official in-person meeting, inside or outside due to Covid restrictions.

d) Township Government: Kim Markee

- i. Board of Trustees are reviewing marijuana licensing applications; also looking into the funds we should receive from the American Rescue Plan Act; we have until 2024 to use those funds.

e) Waterford School District: Rob Petrusa

- i. May 3-7 was Teacher Appreciation Week – signs were made and sent to each teacher's home. Thank you to all the hard working teachers! This year was a challenge.
- ii. Our Cooley and Pierce WIRED teams earned a spot into the World Championship!
- iii. Class of 2021 graduation ceremony will be held at Meadowbrook Hall.

f) Drayton Plains Nature Center: Linda Zabik

- i. New slots on observation tower have been installed and will be painted this summer.
- ii. Interpretive Building will be open starting May 1. Hours will be: Fridays 1-5pm, Saturdays-Sundays 10am-2pm.

Motion to adjourn, Rob Petrusa, support Linda Zabik. Motion approved. Adjournment at 7:20 pm.