

**Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary Board Minutes
December 12, 2019
Alpena City Hall**

Members Present: Terry Gougeon, Vernie Nethercut, Tom Orth, Elizabeth Littler, Boris Gerber, Roger Witherbee, Karen Enterline, Judy Kalmanek

Members Absent: Susie Austin

Resource: Catherine Stedman, Mark Beins

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Gougeon at 3:58 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes from November 21, 2019

A motion was made by Roger, seconded by Elizabeth that the minutes of November 21, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

3. Additions to the Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented.

4. City Update

There was no city update since Adam was out of town.

5. River Center Update

Judy gave an update on the upcoming *Magic in Our Midst*. The tickets were all distributed by Wednesday morning; so, it's a "sell out".

The TBRC case study has completed its final revision and the brochure is being re-designed to mirror the case study. Both of them should be ready for review by the January 2020 board meeting.

6. Election of Officers

Roger made a motion that Terry Gougeon be re-elected as Chair of the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary Board and Judy Kalmanek be re-elected to serve as secretary. The motion was seconded by Vernie and carried.

7. Island Maintenance

Board members made some comments on the complaint about no sledding on Island Park that appeared on Facebook. After some discussion, it was agreed that people do not understand that Island Park, unlike other city parks, is a nature preserve. Our task is to educate people about what this means. It was suggested that an article needs to be put in the Alpena News providing this information. Vernie will follow-up with Darby Hinkley and ask her to interview Terry. It was suggested that board members can follow up the *Lifestyles* article with their own letters to the editor.

There are some trees that are (again) in danger of blocking a couple of the minor trails. However, removing them can probably wait until spring.

8. Additional Remarks from the Table

Terry and Mark will work on wording for the portable sign to be used by the artist-in-residence and the Island work crews to advise people what is occurring at the time.

9. Next meeting January 16, 2020

The next meeting of the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary Board will be held in City Hall on January 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

10. Adjourn

Roger motioned, seconded by Karen and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Minutes taken and submitted by
Judy Kalmanek, Secretary
Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary Board