

Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary Board Minutes August 16, 2018

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

Member Absent: Roger Witherbee, Susie Austin

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Chair Terry Gougeon.

2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Elizabeth, seconded by Boris and carried that the minutes from July 19, 2018 be approved as submitted.

3. Additions to the Agenda

The agenda was accepted with no additions

4. City Update

Adam reported that he has scheduled a meeting with DPW to discuss the placement of the *no wake* signs and delivery of bark for marking the trails. He was asked to add moving the bicycle rack closer to the gates by the bridge as well. Adam noted that DPW, who have supplied a truck for frogbit removal appreciates being included in the communication loop directly.

5. River Center Update

The new sign promoting the TBRC has been installed by Allegra. It replaces the old one which was over 10 years old. The architect is progressing well on the third phase of the design work and will have the package reading by late September. He was instructed to proceed in order to encumber the Rural Development grant funds.

6. Pamphlets

The board discussed the various pamphlets/brochures. Both the TBRC brochures and the Island Park one are in good supply. Island Park was revised in 2018 and has been placed at Welcome Centers throughout the state. The TBRC brochure will be revised and updated again when the current supply runs out. Meanwhile Judy has an adequate supply of both brochures available for anyone who needs them.

Three other members of Thunder Bay Audubon, Betsy Hale and Judy updated the Birds of the Wildlife Sanctuary pamphlet. An effort is being made so that as each pamphlet is updated, it will include the Wildlife Sanctuary logo on the front of it with the title of the brochure in large dark letters above the logo.

Currently, Elizabeth and Betsy are updating the wildflower pamphlet. The Blue Heron Water Trail pamphlets have been updated now that the buoys are in place. In addition large, laminated copies of the pamphlet have been made and given to Casey Stutzman for people to use (and return) who want to kayak the water trail. Other pamphlets will be updated in the future.

7. Reports

Activity Signs a group of icons that will be used to designate approved/non approved uses of Island Park were passed around. Board members individually initialed the six they thought best. For example, rather than a sign to show picking up a dog's waste, one showing the dog on a leash was thought to be more positive. Actually, the dog waste pick-up is clearly indicated on the city's doggy bag box. The icons will be printed on a hard plastic board 5' 8"W x 10"H x ½"D to be attached to the existing posts. The estimate is \$170. A motion was made by Judy, seconded by Tom that the approved signs be printed and paid for from the Sanctuary budget. The motion carried.

Frogbit: Tom noted that the frogbit pulls have demonstrated a good community effort. Each pull has netted a truck load of the weed. It was agreed that Judy will write a special thank you note to Casey Stutzman in September after frogbit pulls are completed. Casey has been most gracious in providing kayaks for the pulls.

Spotted knapweed. Although the group was small, several bags of knapweed were pulled. A note was made that Catherine's knapweed pull with children and adults attending Science in the Sanctuary was a great success.

Milkweed planting. The 100+ milkweed plants obtained by Friends of the Lake Huron Watershed and given to the Sanctuary Board have been planted as of Wednesday, August 15th.

8. Island Park Maintenance

There was a short discussion on the trails issue. What should we bark; what should we block. The discussion was tabled until it could be fully discussed in September.

9. Further Remarks from the Table

Since time was short, there were no further remarks that couldn't be saved for September.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary Board will be held on September 20, 2018 in Council Chambers at 4:00 p.m.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 4:38 p.m.

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