

**Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary Board Minutes**  
**April 15, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Members Present:**

Terry Gougeon, Roger Witherbee, Tom Orth, Boris Gerber, Susie Austin, Karen Enterline, Vernie Nethercut and Judy Kalmanek

Members Absent: Elizabeth Littler

City Staff: there was no city liaison present

**I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Terry Gougeon at 4:03 p.m.

**II. Approval of minutes from March 18, 2021**

A motion was made by Susie, seconded by Boris and carried that the minutes of March 18, 2021 be approved as presented.

**III. Additions to the Agenda**

There were no additions to the agenda and it was accepted as presented.

**IV. City Update**

In the absence of a city liaison, there was no city update.

**V. River Center Update**

Judy reported on several River Center items. The first was the upcoming bowfishing tournament to be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> with registration from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. and the tournament itself held from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m.

The frogbit inventory will be done on May 22<sup>nd</sup> by members of Huron Pines AmeriCorps at the west end of the Sanctuary where our local work crew will operate this year. The work by the research team from Loyola University will take place where the mass of frogbit is growing near the kayak/canoe launch.

The River Center funds are nearing \$300,000. This will enable the Ad Hoc Grant Writing Committee to apply to larger foundations for matching funds.

The tickets for the boat/trailer raffle are being printed. The drawing will take place on Labor Day, September 6, 2021 at the Alpena Fairgrounds at 12:30 p.m. Members of both boards (AWS and TBRC) will be asked to help sell the raffle tickets by each taking \$100 worth to sell. The tickets are \$10 or 3 for \$20.

**VI. Island Park Maintenance**

There was little to report as work sessions have not yet begun. Terry will contact Sean McNamara to see when the tree cutting work on Island Park is scheduled. Terry said that both he and Boris will be there to ensure the correct trees are removed. It was noted that the city crew has been doing clean up and tree trimming at Duck Park.

**VII. Additional Remarks from the Table**

Vernie was concerned that we do not presently have a city representative at our meetings since Andrea Kares resigned . Terry agreed to contact Rachel Smolinski to see about having a representative appointed.

Vernie thanked the Board for the plants sent to her on the occasion of Gordon's death and memorial service.

#### **VIII. Next Meeting**

Terry will be out of town when the next regular meeting of the board is scheduled. It was agreed by all that the meeting will occur the week ahead, May 13, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

#### **IX. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 4:20 p.m.

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