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HESS-HATHAWAY PARK COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 10, 2022, 6:00pm
MINUTES

Meeting Location: Waterford Recreation Center

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** 6:01 pm, A. Frasca
- II. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS**
Members present: K. Callahan, M. Carlock, S. McCready, J. Matsura, L. Hardacre, A. Frasca and J. Barker (via phone from Florida)
Others present: T. Heglin, A. Swanson
Members excused: J. Himmelspach
Guests: Robert Matsura and Kellianne Yarnall
- III. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA:** Motion to approve, M. Carlock. Second, L. Hardacre. Motion approved.
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES:** Motion to approve December minutes, J. Matsura, second, L. Hardacre. Motion approved.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE:** Jordan Gettel, Genisys Credit Union in regards to Holiday Hoopla event on December 11, shared "it was handled wonderfully and it sounds like all who attended had a joyous time. Thank you for sharing the feedback of the mother of a band student, it's great to hear the community's perspective".
- VI. REPORTS:**
 - a. Director's Report: Alison Swanson**
 - i. Hess/Farm staff have received a request for a wish list. We will be routinely taking care of some of the smaller items, and working towards taking care of as many larger items as possible.
 - ii. Craft Shows are planned for May 14, September 17 and November 12. Kid 2 Kid Garage Sale on June 4 and Mom 2 Mom Sale on April 30.
 - iii. Waterford Parks and Recreation is working collaboratively with the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce to offer the Moviepalooza event that has been annually presented at Pierce Middle School. This spring the event is scheduled for June 17. Waterford Coalition for Youth is not able to be involved at this point.
 - iv. Parks and Recreation millage will be coming up for renewal in 2024.
 - v. Seasonal and part-time positions for the department will be posted soon. Wages are not being raised.
 - b. Parks and Recreation Programs: Tori Heglin**
 - i. **Sheep Shearing:** April 23, 9-11am. We plan to include pancake fundraiser in 2022, and may use the Hilltop Pavilion for seating for the families and friends enjoying the pancakes.

With us there are no boundaries

- ii. **Blizzard Blast:** On Sunday, February 6 Oakland County Parks and Recreation worked collaboratively with Waterford Parks and Recreation to offer snowshoeing, craft, snow art, hot chocolate bar, scavenger hunt and s'mores at the Warming House. Twenty-one individuals joined us.
- c. **Caretaker Report:** Projects and cleaning is on-going in preparation for the posting of the position in the spring. There is a moisture issue on the porch that needs to be resolved.
 - i. **Animal Report: Vickie Morgan:** Champagne has recently gone back to live in her original barn away from Williams Lake Road where she was bothered by traffic and also lonely. Her stall is now next to the calves and they are getting to know each other. Calves are well and learning to share space with their new neighbor as they go out together in the pasture. Turkeys are grown now and with their maturity comes a little rivalry as we have 6 boys and 3 girls. Rabbits (3 boys, 2 quite a bit older than the other). They are faring well for their ages. Sheep and goats, I believe, are longing for more public attention. Otherwise all are well. Waterfowl are good. As with all winters there are some casualties when it is very cold. We have a few new and interesting chickens from summer hatchings. There are too many roosters as people like to drop them off here while we are not looking, this creates a lot of fighting. Note: Fighting roosters and turkeys is not easy to prevent and not something the public likes to see. Wilbur still doing what he likes best, eating and sleeping.
- d. **Eagle Scout Project: Tori Heglin:** Project lead by Ryan Hill is back on, and there is a confirmation that he will be using cedar.
- e. **Hess Fencing Project: Tori Heglin:** DLZ representative (Architecture/Engineering/Planning, Surveying/Construction Services contractor), Ron Campbell, Oakland County Principal Planner/Architect, Scott Alef, Waterford Township Planner, Alison, Vickie and I are scheduled to meet on Thursday, February 17 at Hess to discuss soil borings to determine stability of the ground and possible plans for retention pond and retaining walls or other alternatives.

VII. Old Business: none

VIII. New Business: none

IX. Round Table Discussion

- a. A. Swanson: Five staff at the Township Hall will be moving to the Recreation Center. Used cubicles and security cameras, and other items are being moved over or considered. It is felt that we can serve our customers better from one location.
- b. M. Carlock: White Lake's Five Year Master Plan has expired. White Lake Township is working to secure a consultant to update their plan. There is an intention to develop a new Township Complex within the sixty-two acres of the area adjacent to Stanley Park. Their millage expires in 2024 or 2025.
- c. K. Yarnall: Will look into American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to check on available funds through Oakland County.

X. Public Comments – none

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by K. Callahan, second, J. Matsura. Motion approved. Adjourned at 6:49pm.

**Next meeting will be on Thursday, March 10 at 6pm at the
Waterford Recreation Center, 5640 Williams Lake Road**