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HESS-HATHAWAY PARK COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 14, 2019, 6:00p.m.
MINUTES

*Meeting Location: Waterford Recreation Center,
5640 Williams Lake Road*

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 6:03 pm, John Himmelspach

II. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS

- **Members present:** A. Frasca, M. Carlock, S. McCready, J. Himmelspach, J. Beseau
- **Others present:** A. Swanson, T. Heglin, T. Acker, K. Gertsen,
- **Members excused:** A. Miller, L. Hardacre, J. Barker, N. Ristich

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve, A. Frasca. Second M. Carlock.
Motion passed.

IV. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO MINUTES: None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from November Meeting:

Motion to approve, M. Carlock. Second A. Frasca. Motion passed.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Motion to approve, A. Frasca, second M. Carlock. Motion passed. Alison indicated approximately \$13,500 cost accrued in 2018 for playground equipment repairs. An additional \$2,800 in repairs that includes some poured in place surfacing replacement and tire swing (bushings), spider web, tunnel climb, etc. in 2019. These additional repairs will be made when temperature is right for the poured in place surfacing to be installed. Safety inspection of playground done through MMRMA. Already have some rental bookings early in year. Barn restoration with \$77,000 grant funds. Discussion on purchasing farm equipment. Gazebo project will start August 10 and continue into October and will have an impact on revenue. Tent was discussed as temporary replacement for displaced gazebo rental possibilities.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE: None

With us there are no boundaries

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Caretaker update: Trever Acker:** Snow removal going well. As weather gets better working on equipment, trails for cross-country, etc. Lots of potholes and needs proper fill material.
- b. **Animal Report: V. Morgan submitted written report:** Meryl Sheep's sister, Brittany Shears gave in to old age earlier this month (March 1). We still have the other two Southdowns and the two new Shetlands. Equine are all well. There is a side-door drainage problem on the east side due to water accumulating and the thawing and refreezing. The sliding door was raised last week to keep it up out of the water so it will open on the frozen mornings and to allow the water to flow freely. A piece of wood was added across the door opening to keep the water out of the barn. Goats are well. Tried to reunite Lily-Goat with Chip, but she wanted so badly to go back to her sheep buddies that she slipped by and ran back to the sheep barn and tried to get in. She returned to sheep and she seems happy. Wilbur is still eating and then sleeping all day. Rabbits are just fine. In addition to Vickie's report, acquisition of 2 goats and some turkeys (Royal Palm, need variety) prior to Sheep Shearing was discussed. Animals want sunshine. Dr. Gertsen will reach out to goat owners.
- c. **Hess Barn Restoration Project:** Hinz Co. no longer interested. K & L Construction (Macomb Township) is still interested. Price proposal is due March 29.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Committee Nominations:** Chairperson-J. Himmelpach, Motion to approve, M. Carlock, second A. Frasca. Vice/Co-Chair-A. Frasca, Motion to approve, A. Frasca, second M. Carlock. Secretary-A. Frasca will do with group assistance. Treasurer duties handled by Township.
- b. **Sheep Shearing Event:** April 27, 9-11am. Committee members confirmed volunteering for this event: Ken, John H, Steve, Art with more to come.
- c. **Volunteer Coordinators Network of Southeast Michigan:** Reciprocal agreement with 28 other agencies. Many were interested in this program.
- d. **Gazebo Project:** Project will begin in August and continue through October. Bricks, railroad ties and pavers will be replaced with exposed aggregate and the area will include proper drainage. There is a plan for an accessible walkway from the parking lot and increased grassy area that can be used for summer concert seating. A temporary replacement for the gazebo during this time was discussed. John Barker had passed the word on that he wanted to see about a tent alternative to birthday gazebo location during construction.

X. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Steve-Growth on new field wintered well; mid-April will fertilize this alfalfa/timothy field. District Court garden to be plowed in the early spring. There are also plans to fertilize the older field.

Merrie-Suggested the possibility of including J & A Engineering for horse barn water drainage issue with the bid for gazebo. Staff and volunteers are looking into short-term solutions to water drainage issue at horse barn as well.

Tori- Upcoming events: Unicorn Party, May 4 at Hess-Hathaway and Family Dance Party, May 18 at Recreation Center

XI. MEETING ADJOURNED 7:08 pm: Motion to adjourn, M. Carlock. Second J. Beseau.

**Next meeting, Thursday, April 11, 6pm
Waterford Recreation Center, 5640 Williams Lake Road**