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HESS-HATHAWAY PARK COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 11, 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, J. Barker, L. Hardacre, John Paul Torres
- **Others present:** A. Swanson, T. Heglin,
- **Members excused:** T. Acker excused early

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve, L. Hardacre. Second J. Beseau. Motion passed.

IV. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO MINUTES: None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from March Meeting:

Motion to approve, L. Hardacre. Second S. McCready. Motion passed.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Rental revenues good. There will be a tree removal expense.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE: mParks Community Service award letter for S. McCready. Update on Greg Ford through Rose Ford.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Caretaker update: Trevor Acker:** Four benches completed with eight more benches to go. Back trails of fallen tree limbs cleared and more firewood provided.
- b. Animal Report:** Brandi St. Dennis will drop off two Nubian male goats at the park sometime before the Sheep Shearing event. She is donating these animals after having them castrated and watched for a couple of days. John Barker and Tori visited these goats at their location in Ortonville, and reported they like to be petted and are active. They will be quarantined for 3 weeks at Hess. Additional turkeys were also discussed, perhaps bringing on 2-4 more. John and Merrie are looking into this.

With us there are no boundaries

- c. **Hess Barn Restoration Project:** Price proposal came in on schedule March 29 from K & L Construction, Macomb Township. Hess Trust Funds can cover the amount indicated on the price proposal.
- d. **Sheep Shearing Event:** April 27, 9-11am. Committee members confirmed volunteering: Ken, John H, Steve, Art, John Paul (9-10am), Merrie, John B and Linda (and strong community service volunteers starting at 8:30am). Needed three griddles and deep pan for sausages. Parks and Rec will provide chocolate chips, sprinkles and blueberries. Art may add some sprinkles. Jessie Cobb, Park Staff will also be working and her mother is volunteering.
- e. **Volunteer Coordinators Network of Southeast Michigan:** No one spoke of their participation, but supported this program as a nice way to thank volunteers.
- f. **Gazebo Project:** Gazebo bid project to be finalized.
- g. **Fields and Equipment, Steve McCready:** Fields are still wet. Alison and Steve will be going to auction on April 28 to check out farm equipment. Horseshoe pits have been moved to a more visible, accessible area by Pavilion 2. They are new and will be ready soon. Volleyball nets scheduled to go up this weekend. Some additional hand tools are needed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Camps:** Flyers distributed for camps and summer staff openings. Farm Camp for 6-10 and 9-13 year olds will be enhanced through a collaboration with Michigan State Extension/4-H. The amount of time that the children spend hands-on with the animals will be increased with more materials and expertise included. Little Vet and NASA Mad Science Camp returning to Hess-Hathaway along with other returning and new options. Two camp directors, Mary Boynton and Alyssa Armstrong will be returning, with Alyssa also taking on the Nature Camp program.
- b. **Concerts:** Every Thursday in June. This year will include the following featured bands: New Horizon Concert Barn, Dave Bennett Band, 2XL and Itchycoo Park.
- c. **Hay Field:** Five to six people will do the baling in-house. The goal is to have three cuttings this year. There may be the possibility of one cutting for the new alfalfa field. Lott's Elevator is out of business, and we are looking at Highland Feed for fertilizer. We plan to fertilize in April and perhaps May.

X. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Tori will be out of town for May meeting. Art introduced the possibility of a Relief Michigan class about caring for trees taking place at Hess-Hathaway or Drayton Plains Nature Center.

XI. MEETING ADJOURNED 7:16 pm: Motion to adjourn, A. Frasca. Second M. Carlock.

Next meeting, Thursday, May 9, 6pm

BACK AT THE FARM, Hess-Hathaway Community Building, 825 South Williams Lake Road.