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**HESS-HATHAWAY PARK COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, May 11, 2023, 6:00pm**  
**Location: Waterford Recreation Center**

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** 6:02 pm, J. Himmelspach,
- II. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS**  
**Members present:** K. Callahan, M. Carlock, L. Hardacre, J. Barker, and J. Himmelspach  
**Others present:** T. Heglin, Dr. Gertsen and A. Swanson  
**Members Excused:** A. Frasca and N. Ristich  
**Guests:** N/A
- III. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA:** Motion to approve by K. Callahan, second by L. Hardacre. Motion approved.
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES:** Motion to approve April minutes by L. Hardacre, second M. Carlock. Motion approved.
- V. Eagle Scout Presentation of Community Garden Compost Project-Charles Bartels (Troop #229, Commerce United Methodist):** Details are as follows: organic lumber will be used, 54" side x 4' tall, 3 bins, gaps between the board will be kept, Charles is fundraising through a can drive. Location will be determined for placement with K. Callahan. Plan is for project to begin on June 4, and by completed by end of July. Motion by K. Callahan to approve compost bin project as presented by Charles Bartels, second by L. Hardacre. Motion approved.
- VI. Correspondence:** N/A
- VII. REPORTS**
  - a. Director Report: Alison Swanson:**
    - i. Application has been submitted for Oakland County CISMA Grant for bittersweet treatment in the Pine Flats and phragmites removal in ponds 9, 10 and 11. Oakland County Senior Center Grant Program funding has been awarded for \$26,454.56 for use at the Recreation Center for two new commercial ranges for the kitchen and replacement of the concrete pathway and flooring at the pavilion.
    - ii. We are still working on filling positions for Farm Attendants and two year-round positions at the Recreation Center.
    - iii. Two great candidates were given second interviews for the caretaker position. There is no decision at this point.
  - b. Parks and Recreation Programs: Tori Heglin**
    - i. Sheep Shearing and Pancake Breakfast: Breakfasts were served to 139 individuals, plus volunteers. Sy Caryl, the shearer this year was more interactive and shared more information than was done in the past. We are grateful to our sponsor, Genisys Credit Union, our volunteers/workers (staff, committee, 51<sup>st</sup> District Court, Genisys Credit Union, Grace Church, Youth Assistance and other individuals). Pysanky Egg Decorating demonstration was well-received. The weather was gloomy which most probably affected attendance, but the crowds were as strong as ever in front of the sheep shearing presentation.

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- ii. Summer camp staff has been hired for the Farm and Nature camp. We are still trying to secure more farm attendants.
- c. **Caretaker Report:** Please see above.
- d. **Animal Report:** Two lambs are recommended by Dr. Gertsen. One mini-horse is being explored through a contact through K. Hiltner, Farm Staff. A donkey to be born at Bowers Farm is being pursued by T. Heglin. The baby donkey will need to spend approximately 6 months with his mother. Alan Jaros, Director of Bowers School Farm said we should connect again in the fall. He will share with the Farm manager, Kate Bell. Dr. Gertsen expressed a concern in regards to who we have giving the vaccinations and where in the animals' body the vaccination is being administered.
- e. **Community Garden: Kelie Callahan:** Some of compost has been delivered and water is on.
- f. **51<sup>st</sup> District Court Garden: Linda Hardacre:** Garden should be plowed by last week in May, and disked as well to achieve best soft soil. A. Swanson will check with T. Butler. Garden opens May 30. The District Court garden will be extended to the entire four zone area. Community Service hours are Tuesday and Thursday 4-7pm and Saturday 9am-1pm.

**VIII. Old Business**

**Hess Fencing and Pond Improvement Project:** TSP Environmental is still scheduled to complete project around the end of May. Tippin Fencing Company and TSP Environmental are working together to take-down the old fencing most efficiently and reuse as much as possible which will result in a savings for the Township. Bowers Farm donated about a dozen flowering dogwood saplings for planting in the pond area.

**IX. New Business:**

- a. **Vote on Committee Designations:** Motion by M. Carlock to vote on all positions as listed below, second by L. Hardacre. Motion passed.
  - i. **President:** John Himmelspach
  - ii. **Vice-President:** Art Frasca
  - iii. **Co-Secretaries** Kellianne Yarnall and Kelie Callahan

**X. Round Table Discussion/Open Discussion:**

- a. A. Swanson mentioned that R & D Drywall, Waterford will honor their 2020 fee proposal for a dropped ceiling for Pavilion 2 which would greatly reduce the annoyance of bird droppings on picnic tables, etc.
- b. A. Swanson indicated that we are getting proposals and sand samples from two contractors for refurbishment of the sand volleyball courts.

**XI. Public Comments:** N/A

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 7:10pm.

**NEXT Meeting 2023**

**Thu, July 13, 6pm, Hess-Hathaway Building, 825 South Williams Lake Road**