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HESS-HATHAWAY PARK COMMITTEE
Thursday, July 11, 2019, 6:00p.m.
MINUTES

*Meeting Location: Hess-Hathaway Park Community Building,
825 S. Williams Lake Road*

I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** 6:09 pm, John Himmelspach

II. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS

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

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve, M. Carlock. Second L. Hardacre. Motion passed.

IV. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO MINUTES:** None

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from May Meeting:

Motion to approve, M. Carlock. Second L. Hardacre. Motion passed.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Gazebo bids were over-budget so there was minor scaling back and the Township Board will review this at the July 22 meeting. Motion to approve, M. Carlock. Second L. Hardacre.

VII. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank-you letter from Waterford Parks and Recreation to Cory Whitlock, Vice President, Grants Manager, JP Morgan Chase for the grant specified for the historic barn preservation was shared.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Caretaker update: Trevor Acker:** Trevor reported working on keeping trails open by using the brush-hog. Discussed some issues with Pokémon players parking outside the gate and obstructing the entrance. Potholes were indicated as being significant on drive between maintenance barn and caretaker house.

With us there are no boundaries

- b. **Animal Report (Deby Steen):** Milford, donkey had a hoof issue that is reportedly better. Three staff worked to give him a bath due to Dr. Ryker's suggestion. All other animals are reportedly doing well
- c. **Hess Barn Restoration Project:** Lead abatement is complete. Project will start soon. Issues of historic integrity versus longevity of the project are continually being balanced. Color chosen is "stolen kiss".
- d. **Gazebo Project:** Please see above.
- e. **Fields and Equipment, Steve McCready:** Baling and storage is on hold while Steve McCready recovers from a medical issue. A request for assistance when baling was made.
- f. **Concerts:** Crowds were largest for Itchycoo Park (beautiful weather) and 2XL (great band, but due to inclement weather performed under hilltop pavilion). Dave Bennett Band concert was cancelled due to the weather. Overall, it was a good year.
- g. **Community and District Court Garden:** Both gardens are flourishing.
- h. **Camps and 4-H:** Training through MSU Extension/4-H has involved all camp and farm/park staff and has been very beneficial.

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Park It Family Fun Nights:** July 16 and August 21. Entertainment and activities begin at 6pm. Movie begins at 8:20pm. Assistance is needed directing/parking cars.
- b. **Greg Ford:** Greg has Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). Tori will send card and donated funds to Greg on behalf of the committee.

X. **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:**

- Merrie is still looking for turkeys.
- Tori informed committee that Evan Herdman was hired for Saturday nights.
- No news on additional access point to park.
- Excel Workers (18-24 year olds) will be at the park for 6 weeks with their coach completing various needed and appreciated tasks.
- Harvest Happening is scheduled for October 6.

XI. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

Next meeting, Thursday, September 12, 6pm at Hess-Hathaway Community Building, 825 South Williams Lake Road.