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HESS-HATHAWAY PARK COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 9, 2021, 6:00pm
MINUTES

Meeting Location: Hess-Hathaway Park-Hilltop Pavilion

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** 6:00 pm, K. Callahan
- II. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS**
Members present: K. Callahan, M. Carlock, J. Barker, L. Hardacre, J. Matsura, S. McCready, J. Beseau, and K. Gertsen
Others present: T. Heglin
Members excused: J. Himmelspach, N. Ristich, and A. Frasca
Guests: none
- III. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA:** Motion to approve, J. Beseau, 2nd, L. Hardacre.
Motion passed.
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES:** Motion to approve, J. Beseau, 2nd, J. Matsura.
Motion passed.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE:** none
- VI. REPORTS:**
 - a. Director's Report: Tori Heglin reporting for Alison Swanson**
 - i. Budget has been submitted. The department is requesting an additional permanent, part-time position to be approved for Hess park.
 - ii. Notification of budget approval scheduled for the end of this year.
 - b. Parks and Recreation Programs: Tori Heglin**
 - i. Harvest Happening event has been modified due concerns with COVID-19. Due to such concerns there will be no inflatables or indoor activities. We will have one stage outdoors with adult and children's entertainment, pony rides (\$5), 75-80 crafters, pumpkin patch, on-going hayrides (free this year!), make & take a craft, Buttercup the mechanical cow (for children to milk), tatters, spinners, straw maze, contests and games, as well as historic games & chores, food vendors, cider and donuts. For the first time, we will charge \$5 per car instead of accepting donations. With the hayrides being free (a \$4-5 value), we feel this will be viewed as a good deal. Vouchers for volunteer lunches will be handed in for a Mobey's hot dog, drink and chips at the Mobey Concession stand.
 - ii. Camps finished strong. All camps hit their maximum for registration. Maximums were set at 50% the normal number due to COVID-19 concerns coming into this year.

With us there are no boundaries

- c. **Animal Report: John Barker and Tori Heglin:** Steers are doing well. The benefits of a magnet in the steers' stomachs were discussed. Meanwhile a Community Service volunteer has been checking our various pasture lands with a metal detector and we are being vigilant about being on the look-out for metal litter. Dr. Pytel is our cattle specialist designated as such on the Program of Veterinary Care that is submitted to the USDA. Staff has been putting in more time to accommodate the arrival of the two young steers. Both steers are now weaned from the bottle, and staff is on a schedule to walk them at least once per day.
- d. **Hay Fields & Equipment: Steve McCready:** There will be one more harvest of hay in September.
- e. **Community Garden: Kelie Callahan:** Bee & Butterfly grant application needed to be re-submitted. A controlled burn was discussed with the possibility of our Fire Department facilitating this. Plot would be approximately 3 acres and could utilize the wet areas where hay does not grow well.
- f. **51st District Court Garden: Linda Hardacre:** No cabbage or Brussel sprouts due to wet weather this year. Other plants grew well and the Court Garden donated approximately 1 ton of fresh produce to Oakland Hope.

VII. Old Business:

- a. Parking lot looks wonderful and the handi-capped spots were enlarged to better serve this population.
- b. Kindness Rocks event was well-attended and many resources were available. The community members that attended reached out to each other. It was a moving event with people sharing their stories and supporting each other.

VIII. New Business

- a. Harvest Happening is scheduled for Sunday, October 3.
- b. Funtober is scheduled for Saturday, October 16.

IX. Round Table Discussion

X. Public Comments – None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: 7:15pm. Motion to adjourn.

**Next meeting will be on Thursday, October 14 @ 6:00pm,
Location: Hess-Hathaway Park-Hilltop Pavilion**