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**HESS-HATHAWAY PARK COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, September 12, 2019, 6:00p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

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

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** 6:02 pm, John Himmelspach

**II. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS**

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

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve, J. Beseau. Second N. Ristich. Motion passed.

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from July Meeting:**

Motion to approve, J. Beseau. Second N. Ristich. Motion passed.

**VI. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Camps have ended, coming in slightly over projection. Additional expenses caretaker house roof and sewer.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Greg Ford: Thank you note.
- Dr. Pytel offered us a bull.
- Andrea Miller resignation.
- Oakland Community College Athletic Director interest in Hess-Hathaway as a venue for men's collegiate cross country meet.

**With us there are no boundaries**

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

### a. **Caretaker update: Trever Acker:**

- Built a wood rack for Pavilion 1 fire pit.
- New power washer well-received and used on pavilions.
- Assisting Steve with cutting the hay fields.
- Mowing and weed-whacking in gardens.
- Working on keeping the cross-country trails clear of debris.
- Filling in potholes in drives, but still waiting for some asphalt millings.

### b. **Animal Report (Vickie Morgan):**

- Birds-A hawk got ahold of a guinea yesterday. She got away and is okay but has a nickel-sized hole in her back down to the bone. We have her caged to keep clean and to treat her each day. She should be fine. All other birds good.
- Rabbits-All good. No trouble of any kind. Fearful of the hawk though. When the historic barn project is completed, we can attach a run to the back of the hutch with a roof to keep them safe when exercising outside.
- Wilbur-Doing well.
- Equine-Milford and Champagne are having hoof troubles due to the wet and muddy conditions. This issue needs to be addressed. Both are receiving treatment. Marshmallow is fine. All equine hooves trimmed this week.
- Sheep-All together again and grazing around the pond.
- Goats-Happy and healthy all together.
- Cats-Were doing well but this week Chinook is missing. She has gone off in the past and returned. All we can do is wait and see. Actually, Tigger has not been around much either but at least he is not missing. Someone may be letting them in their home because Tigger is not hungry when he returns. We believe that has happened before.
- Requests-Two steers and more sheep.

### c. **Hess Barn Restoration Project:** Joe Churches, K & L Construction provided a tour of the barn project and answered questions.

### d. **Gazebo Project:** Project should begin on Monday, September 16.

### e. **Fields and Equipment, Steve McCready:**

- Steve is being more cautious due to medical situation in June.
- Cut hayfields with brush hog due to hay cutter being broken. Working with Alison to procure a newer hay cutter.
- Todd, Park staff picking up parts to repair brush hog.
- Staff and Community Service workers moved 400 bales to barn.
- Seed drill needs refurbishing.
- Completing a hand tool list.
- Garlic mustard has taken over alfalfa field.
- Soil sample to be sent to MSU.

### f. **Camps and 4-H Involvement:** Discussions will continue this fall in regards to new registration procedures and training opportunities with Bowers, Mayberry and Tollgate farms.

- g. **Park It Dates:** July 16<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to weather. August 21 had low attendance possibly due to earlier wet weather and choice of movie. Park It coordinator proposes an upcharge to bring event to Waterford.

#### IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Horse Barn Drainage Project:** Scheduled for September 28 or 29. Accurate Construction will install perforated drainpipe from southeast corner of barn 65' towards the pond with p-stone stone backfill where the equine step out of the barn.
- b. **Park Entrance Light:** DTE will be positioning a street light close to the entrance gate to provide proper lighting for patrons and staff increasing safety and visibility. Streetlight will be fed by overhead cable. Light will be owned and maintained by DTE Energy incurring minimal cost to the Township.
- c. **Caretaker House Roof Repairs:** Project to start soon, tentatively completing before the end of October.
- d. **Harvest Happening, October 6:** Volunteers needed and appreciated.
- e. **Unicorn Party:** Saturday, September 21, need more registration.
- f. **Big Wheels:** On September 7 at Civic Center, seventeen businesses participated. Jimmy John's in-kind contribution provided mini-sandwiches and chips.

#### X. **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:**

- Merrie: Fisk Farm Trunk or Treat and movie event scheduled for October 19.
- John Barker: Earlier review by Dr. Gertsen confirmed that Lambo and Rambo sheep have lost weight and are in better shape. They are fine joining the other sheep is fine at this point. Ryan Robinson will retiring from Cross Country coaching next year. Collegiate meets at Hess would definitely be value-added.
- Tori: Art sent a link with the hope that Pokémon sites could be managed.
- Alison: Another Eagle Scout project suggestion will be a horse lean-to.
- John Himmelpach: Motion to recommend Kelie Callahan for the position of at-large representative for the Hess Committee, J.Barker. Second J. Himmelpach. All approved.

#### XI. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

**Next meeting, Thursday, October 10, 6pm at Hess-Hathaway Community Building, 825 South Williams Lake Road – this meeting is the last of 2019 to be at Hess-Hathaway Park, November and December meetings will be at the Recreation Center.**