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HESS-HATHAWAY PARK COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 10, 2019, 6:00p.m.
MINUTES

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

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** 6:05 pm, John Himmelspach

- II. **INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS**
 - **Members present:** M. Carlock, S. McCreedy, J. Himmelspach, J. Barker, J. Beseau, A. Frasca, L. Hardacre, K. Callahan
 - **Others present:** T. Acker, T. Heglin, A. Swanson
 - **Members excused:**

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

- IV. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO MINUTES:** Under correspondence, included women's along with men's for the OCC cross country meet.

- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from September Meeting:**
Motion to approve, J. Beseau. Second L. Hardacre. Motion passed.

- VI. **FINANCIAL REPORT: A. Swanson**
 - A.) Increase in rental revenue
 - B.) Youth camps over projection
 - C.) Revenue greater than expenses

- VII. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - Cheryl Mason, State of Michigan Licensing Consultant-No rule violations were found at State Licensed Farm Camp.
 - Andrea Miller resignation letter emphasizing her appreciation for her time on the Hess Committee.
 - Temporary disc golf request
 - Samantha Lima, University of Michigan requesting installation of wildlife camera for study.

With us there are no boundaries

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

a. **Caretaker update: Trever Acker**

- Working with Steve to remove water, filling holes millings & grading drives, roads and hayride trails.
- Cleaned maintenance barn, caretaker house and garage, and other Harvest Happening set-ups.
- Set-up for the Flash Friendship Group's including fire and s'mores.

b. **Animal Report:** At Harvest Happening, the two Nubian goats were led around the park and one bunny in a basket. Both were big attractions.

c. **Projects - Hess Historic Barn and Gazebo, Tori and Alison:** The barn project is progressing with the contractor, Joe Churches being very conscientious about details. Four change orders have been submitted: south gutter, southwest corner post, roof decking and safety glass in steers' pen. A credit of \$1,250 for a window that was not replaced will be applied to the final bill. The gazebo is close to completion with exception of the ramp. There was some discussion on the design. Steps have been taken to preserve the existing landscape as much as possible.

d. **Fields and Equipment: Steve McCreedy**

- Worked with John during Harvest Happening setting up, tearing down and being a good will ambassador.
- Worked with Trever on repairing hayride trails, drives and roads.
- Still working on a complete tool list.
- Still need to address need for hay cutter whether purchase or fix.
- Soil sample analysis was received from MSU.

e. **Harvest Happening Summary: Tori**

Largest crowd in many years due in part to beautiful weather. Financial summary not finalized. Many thanks to all volunteers, including Committee members, 51st District Court, Golden Age Club, Waterford Kettering and Mott high school students, Genisys Credit Union and more. Handi-capped parking went very well as did other areas due to outstanding staff and volunteers.

f. **Horse Barn Drainage Project:** Tori Heglin

Completed project on the east side weathered the rains well recently, and appears positioned to mitigate the standing water issue right where the equine walk out from the barn. Water flow from hilltop pavilion still will have some impact. Staff is still interested in project on the south side, which was pursued through DPW in the past.

g. **Unicorn Party: Tori**

We did sell-out for the third time. Margie, Chamberlin Pony Rides worked with us on public relations and ensuring the parents were happy with the time spent "riding" around on a unicorn.

h. **Township Board Appointment:** Kelie Callahan was sworn in at the September 23rd Township Board meeting.

i. **Cross Country:** First collegiate cross-country meet to take at Hess-Hathaway is scheduled for October 11 (men's and women's). There are 90 females taking off at 1:30pm and the starting gun will go off at 2:30pm for 100 males.

- j. **Garden:** Community garden report indicates a very good year with no major problems. Code lock was discussed for district court opening similar to the lock used at the Community Garden opening. District Court provided 15 volunteers for the Harvest Happening event. Court garden had a great season providing food for the Pontiac Sprouts, Waterford Senior Center and the Oakland Hope Center. The garden will close after this coming Saturday, October 12.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Funtober:** Keenan Smith, WXYZ TV promoted our Funtober event on the “Top 7 on Thursdays” show for places to go for Harvest or Halloween programs.
- b. **DTE Lighting:** Winter 2020
- c. **Caretaker Roof:** Wimsatt Building Materials in Waterford scheduled for delivery on this coming Friday. Roofing to start soon.
- d. **Disc Golf Interest:** Locals have called Alison and Tori and are interested in further discussing a temporary disc golf site.

X. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

- a. **A. Frasca:** Provided a cell phone contact.
- b. **M. Carlock:** Requested Master Plan for Hess-Hathaway Park. Boundaries and pathways were discussed. Fisk Farm Trunk or Treat & Movie scheduled for October 19.

- XI. **MEETING ADJOURNED** Motion to adjourn, J. Beseau. Second, A. Frasca. 7:25pm.

Next meeting, Thursday, November 14, 6pm at Recreation Center, 5640 South Williams Lake Road – JUST A REMINDER, November and December meetings will be at the Recreation Center.