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**HESS-HATHAWAY PARK COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 13, 2022, 6:00pm**  
**Location: Hess Hathaway Park, Community Building**

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** 6:05 pm, J. Himmelspach
- II. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS**  
**Members present:** L. Hardacre, A. Frasca, J. Barker, J. Himmelspach, K. Gertsen and M. Carlock  
**Others present:** T. Heglin  
**Members Excused:** N. Ristich, J. Matsura, S. McCready  
**Guests:** none
- III. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA:** No quorum
- IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES:** No quorum.
- V. CORRESPONDENCE:** Elyse Swenson, Community Gardener feels to secure the Community Garden we should have gardeners pay a fee, and set it up so no one can re-key it. Discussion indicated that this can be a tedious hassle.
- VI. REPORTS**
  - a. Director Report: Alison Swanson – Report will be forthcoming in November**  
Department is losing a full-time Recreation Supervisor (Recreation Center and 50+ programming), Jeannine Poulin. Her last day was today. There are other positions that need to be filled, including custodian and part-time clerk.
  - b. Parks and Recreation Programs: Tori Heglin**  
**Harvest Happening Report:** Many thanks to all volunteers and staff. The committee's presence was appreciated at the front gate, hayrides, historic games and tours, pumpkin patch, main stage, animal feed, pony rides, straw maze attraction as well as much important assistance with set-up and take-down. Waterford Kettering volunteers (18) were particularly engaged and helpful. Discussion about fee for pony rides indicated for our community \$5 per ride was a reasonable fee. Dr. Gertsen suggested helmets for the individuals riding ponies should be considered due to safety and liability concerns. A zip-line was suggested by L. Hardacre.
  - c. Caretaker Report:** House repairs were finished today. Pending approval after a walk-thru review of the house, Human Resources will review applications and schedule daytime interviews. John Himmelspach, John Barker and Art Frasca are interested in being on the interview panel. Linda Hardacre offered to cover for anyone who could not make the interview.
  - d. Animal Report: John Barker/Tori Heglin:** Animals are doing well. Hoof trimming for the steers is planned soon. Dr. Pytel suggested Peter Miller (Harmon, Illinois). He will schedule when he is in our area. It was reported that Tigger (farm cat) bit a child. T. Heglin called parent back, left a message ensuring that our cat's rabies shots are up-to-date and asking for a call back to fill out an incident report. Posting of knowledge and advice on how to approach animals was discussed.

**With us there are no boundaries**

**VII. Old Business**

**a. Hess Fencing and Pond Improvement Project:**

- i. **Fencing Project:** Two areas have been completed (northeast and northwest pastures). Exhibition pasture right off the barn will be ready by October 15 (Funtober event date). More clearing of the land and stump removal was discussed. Work should be finished by the end of the week of October 17.
- ii. **Pond Improvement Project:** The recommendation of award for Hess Hathaway Pond Reshaping was received today (October 13). DLZ's recommendation follows: "bids were submitted by TSP Environmental, Inc. as well as Catskill Remedial Contracting Services Inc. The low bidder was TSP Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$258,948.00. The other bid by Catskill Remedial Contracting Services Inc. was in the amount of \$404,258.00. Catskill also provided a list of exclusions and potential cost increases in their bid package. We (DLZ) recommend awarding the bid to TSP Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$258,948.00. We (DLZ) further recommend the Township authorize a 10% contingency (\$25,894.80), for a total project budget of \$284,836.20." Additional funding sources need to be explored along with re-thinking the approach to this project. M. Carlock mentioned the availability of ARPA funds (American Rescue Plan Act) and possible other funding sources. The Road Commission may also be a possible collaborator on a project of this nature.

**b. Community Garden:**

- i. **Eagle Scout Compost Project:** Kelie was going to meet with Eagle Scout on-site. Follow-up report to follow.
- ii. **Community Garden Decision for 2023-Slawomir Kroczek:** Earlier in the meeting M. Carlock, A. Frasca, J. Himmelspach, L. Hardacre and T. Heglin reviewed S. Kroczek's plots in the community garden. Three out of 4 committee members (one abstained due to lack of previous involvement) voted to not rent S. Kroczek's plots again.

**c. District Court Garden: Linda Hardacre: none**

**VIII. New Business**

Funtober is scheduled for this Saturday, October 15, 12 noon until 4pm.

**IX. Round Table Discussion:**

L. Hardacre expressed concern that District Court community service workers have not been appropriately appreciated for all the work, time and accomplishments they contribute to Hess Hathaway Park. J. Barker emphasized that our community service workers have an incredible impact on the projects and ongoing chores that are completed at Hess Hathaway Park. T. Heglin emphatically agreed and apologized for any oversight in due recognition.

**X. Public Comments: none**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 7:24pm.

**Meetings 2022**

Thu, November 10, 6pm, Waterford Recreation Center, 5640 Williams Lake Road

Thu, December 8, 6pm, Waterford Recreation Center, 5640 Williams Lake Road