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

Meeting Location: Waterford Recreation Center

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** 6:32 pm, J. Himmelspach
- II. **INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS**
Members present: K. Callahan, J. Barker, S. McCready, J. Himmelspach, J. Matsura, A. Frasca, L. Hardacre, and M. Carlock
Others present: T. Heglin, A. Swanson
Members excused: N. Ristich
Guests: Robert Matsura, Vickie Morgan, Jessie Cobb
- III. **REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA:** Motion to approve, J. Matsura. Second, J. Himmelspach. Motion approved.
- IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES:** Motion to approve November minutes, K. Callahan. Second, J. Matsura. Motion approved.
- V. **CORRESPONDENCE:** none
- VI. **REPORTS:**
 - a. **Director's Report: Alison Swanson**
 - i. DPW staff is assisting our Park staff, because our full-time Park staff is down to one person. One of our seasonal part-time park staff is assisting as well.
 - ii. Caretaker house update: Work is continuing. Position will be posted when the move-in date has been determined. There is a Waterford DPW staff person who is interested. The consensus was that applications should be opened up to others, so that we are more assured of finding the best candidate. Discussion ensued on training the caretaker on the farm/park staff's responsibilities to be familiar with those chores and duties.
 - iii. Budget was approved last night. Part-time permanent employee position for Hess was approved.
 - b. **Parks and Recreation Programs: Tori Heglin**
 - i. **Holiday Hoopla:** Program will take place on this Saturday, December 11.
 - ii. **Hess Grant:** Waterford Parks and Recreation was informed in late November that a grant of \$95,000 has been approved. The grant is restricted to Fencing and Sustainable Strategies for Animal Security as described in our proposal.
 - c. **Caretaker Report:** No report, see above.
 - d. **Animal Report: John Barker:** Steers received annual vaccinations.
 - e. **Hay Fields & Equipment: Steve McCready:** No report.

With us there are no boundaries

- f. **Community Garden: Kelie Callahan:** Mostly finished, still harvesting Brussel Sprouts and turnips.
- g. **51st District Court Garden:** Finished for 2022. 51st District Court still sending community service workers to assist at the Hess Park.
- h. **Cross Country: Tori Heglin:** No report

VII. Old Business:

Eagle Scout Rabbit Run: The consensus was to have Ryan proceed with the project as proposed using cedar wood (for longevity purposes). We are hoping that Ryan can wrap the cost increase into his fundraising efforts.

VIII. New Business

Jerry and Barbara Flatt Anniversary Tree Planting: Jerry Flatt, one of our past evening closers at the park, and his wife planted a tree to celebrate sixty years together.

IX. Round Table Discussion – Meeting moved into the Holiday Get-Together phase and there was much discussion personal and professional.

X. Public Comments – none

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 7:13pm

**Next meeting will be on Thursday, February 10 at 6pm at the
Waterford Recreation Center, 5640 Williams Lake Road**