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**HESS-HATHAWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2017**

Minutes

Held at Waterford Recreation Center – 5560 Williams Lake Road

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER- 6:04 pm motion by Nick Ristich 2nd by Mike Healy

Members Present: Greg Ford, Andrea Miller, Art Frasca, Mike Healy, Linda Hardacre, Nick Ristich, Merrie Carlock, John Himmelspach, Gerry Beseau

Others: Tori Heglin, Allison Swanson, Trever Acker

Members excused: John Barker

II. APPROVE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2016 MEETING – Linda Hardacre motion Mike Healy second.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

- Not a lot of expenditures yet this year
- \$40K grant money from last year, for barn restoration, some spent on environmental testing
- Playground surface to be tested this year, possible replacement will be huge expense, playground installed in 2002
- New chain-link fencing around the animal areas

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- N/A

V. OLD BUSINESS

a. Caretaker update: Trever Acker

- Some issues with snow removal, for the most part getting it done in the evening
- Will look into getting a snow blower for the park to do the walkways
- Service drive to the hay barn, will fill potholes
- Wants to grade the gardens to make it easier to mow in the summer

With us there are no boundaries

- Rotor tiller needs to be repaired
- Small tracker tire needs repair
- Needs a chain saw, can use his own, will talk to DPW about safety class
- Needs a toolbox and tools, will send Alison a request
- Lean-to for the farm equipment, possibly build one if given supplies

b. Grants: Hess Trust Status

- Performance environmental out to look at barn, lead testing on copula paint
- Meeting with building dept. next week
- Putting together bid package to get the restoration done
- Have lead, not asbestos

c. Animal Report: John Barker

- Coyote got 2 ducks and 6 geese
- Horses got hoofed
- Chickens now altogether
- Lo cal horse feed, all equine need to lose some weight
- Sheep and goats don't have bloat
- Oldest sheep is not in pain we are looking out for him
- One of the rabbits has many issues, trying antibiotics
- Sparky still exists!! Person in Holly will take him, Allison has done a home visit, looks okay, goal to relocate by end of month

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Committee member renewal vote

- John Barker moved to renew by Mike Healy, second John Himmelspach, all board members approved

b. Upcoming Events: Sheep Shearing (confirm assistance)

- April 29, 9AM, will send out note for help wanted
- Will ensure we are well stocked

c. GRANT DISCUSSION

- Will apply for Hess trust this year, meeting to decide what to ask for
- Possibly additional money for the barn or gazebo bricks and drainage

VII. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

- **Allison** - handed out rental info geared to weddings, got healthy recreation catalyst award, many activities, grant will pay for instructors
- **Mike** – Frisbee golf at back of the park
- **Andrea** – build orchard with some grant money
- **Linda** – Cow and turkeys, may be next year as relocating animals for restoration
- **Art** – no grant classes from state this year, Parks and Rec should become member for grant classes next year, set up committee on this group possibly, wants pdf of wedding handout
- **Trevor** - out of town 15 to 28 of March,

III. MEETING ADJOURNED – 7:10 Motion by Nick Ristich 2nd by Mike Healy, next meeting, Thursday, March 9, 2016, 6pm, Waterford Recreation Center, 5640 Williams Lake Road.