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HESS-HATHAWAY PARK COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 13, 2021, 6:00pm

MINUTES

Meeting Location: **Virtual**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 6:01 pm, Art Frasca

II. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS

Members present: J. Himmelspach-Waterford, A. Frasca-Farmington Hills, J. Beseau-Waterford, K. Callahan-Waterford, M. Carlock-White Lake, J. Barker-Waterford, L. Hardacre-Waterford, J. Matsura-Waterford, N. Ristich, S. McCready

Others present: A. Swanson-White Lake Township, K. Gertsen-Highland, T. Heglin-Rochester Hills

Members excused: None

a. Guest: Kris Miller: Proposal for the Kindness Rock Garden Project. Members decided behind the garage would be the best location. N. Ristich volunteered to help with rocks, build a literature rack & build a bench. Motion to approve, J. Himmelspach, 2nd, L. Hardacre. Motion passed.

b. Guest: Ryan Hill, Eagle Scout Service Project: Ryan was not present therefore; Alison gave a brief overview for the Bunny Run Eagle Scout Service Project. The planning proposal was thorough. There will be (5) portable cages next to the rabbit hutch. Motion to approve, J. Beseau, 2nd, J. Himmelspach. Motion passed.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA: Motion to approve, M. Carlock, 2nd, J. Himmelspach. Motion passed.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES: Motion to approve, L. Hardacre, 2nd, M. Carlock. Motion passed.

V. CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from J. Himmelspach recommending names for our new Dexter Steers coming soon.

VI. REPORTS:

a. Director's Report: Alison Swanson

- i.** In-person Hess meetings cannot occur until June at this point.
- ii.** Hess parking lot project for crack filling, striping and seal coating will go out for quotes along with Recreation Center parking lot project. The total cost is going to be over \$10,000 for the two parking lots.
- iii.** Requests for quotes will also go out for painting of Historic House and perhaps the chicken coop (historical house at Fish Hatchery Park was mentioned as well).

With us there are no boundaries

- iv. Parks and Recreation is working to fill seasonal positions. Applicant number is low. Farm attendant is needed for Friday nights and possible additional assistance on Saturday and Sunday during are busiest times.
- v. Memorial Tree to be planted on Memorial Day for a woman who lost her sister to COVID-19.
- vi. Planning 70th Anniversary Block Party for Saturday, June 12 at the Civic Center soccer fields from 3-6pm.
- vii. Ramped up walking program will include prizes offered for different goals.
- viii. Nature Center: Will be removing Garlic Mustard on Friday, May 21 from 9am until 12noon.

b. Parks and Recreation Programs: Tori Heglin

- i. Hop Into Spring event scheduled on April 17 went very well. Farm staff supervised stations and 51st District Court Community Service volunteers assisted with sanitizing and other pertinent tasks.
- ii. Sheep Shearing on Saturday, April 24. The event was well attended especially considering the weather and lack of the other attractions that we normally have, most importantly the pancake breakfast fundraiser. .
- iii. We are planning to offer our established camp programs, but will be decreasing the numbers from 40 registrants to 20 per one-week session. Masks at this point are required at all times, unless eating or drinking. We are still accepting camp counselor applications and hope to interview by the end of April.
- iv. A preschool-aged program “Outdoor Explorers” and “Play-Group at the Park” will be running in April and May under the Hilltop Pavilion.
- v. Oakland County Parks and Recreation will be collaborating with Waterford Parks and Recreation to offer a “Riddles and Rhythm Park to Park” Scavenger Hunt. From May 14 until May 23, registrants will follow clues to ten different parks and facility within our park system. Prizes are awarded to those that submit the final answer. This event is free and we have families, couples and seniors registered.

c. Animal Report: John Barker: All is good. Sheep have been sheared. Wilbur the pig taken to summer home. One rabbit passed away, one rabbit is missing. We have adjusted and have increased the security of the rabbits.

d. Hay Fields & Equipment: Steve McCready: Getting hay equipment ready (greasing is needed). Volunteers are requested. Sand is needed for volleyball courts and fertilizer for the District Court garden.

e. Community Garden: Kelie Callahan: Gardeners are planting now but waiting for water. **Alison:** We are sending out quotes for pressure tank replacement.

f. 51st District Court Garden: Linda Hardacre: Started to prepare the garden on May 1. Between Jessie, Kelie and John Tuesdays and Thursdays will be covered. Linda will be covering Saturdays, and may be adding a Wednesday. The 51st District Court has an increased interest in providing community service hours instead of incarceration. Planting will start after Memorial Day.

VII. Old Business:

a. Merrie and Kelie are looking into local Heirloom turkey breeds: Narragansett, Blue Slate and Royal Palm. There are out of stock issues and high minimum purchase requirements. .

b. Dexter Steers: Documentation is complete. Meeting on May 17 with Hans Petersen at Hess. Steers will be delivered in 4 to 6 weeks.

VIII. New Business

a. Recommendation of term renewal for Linda Hardacre.

i. (3) years. Current term expires 06/08/21.

Motion to approve, M. Carlock, 2nd, K. Callahan. Motion passed.

b. Recommendation of term renewal for Steve McCready.

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Motion to approve, J. Beseau, 2nd, J. Barker. Motion passed.

c. Nomination on secretary: vacant

IX. Round Table Discussion

a. M. Carlock: When is next meeting? Alison: July 8th outside.

b. L. Hardacre: Looking for used golf cart.

c. J. Barker: Need parking volunteers for concerts.

d. S. McCready: Has been in hospital for COVID-19. Need Saturday volunteers.

e. A. Swanson: Getting sand for playground and volleyball.

X. Public Comments – none

XI. ADJOURNMENT: 7:24pm. Motion to adjourn: J. Beseau, 2nd K. Callahan, Motion passed.

**Next meeting will be on Thursday, July 8 @ 6:00pm, outside
Location TBA**