

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY FAIR
FAIR COUNCIL MEETING**

March 22, 2017

Members Present: Marion Hill, Molly Buckham, Paul Harrison, Bob Gibson, Rod DeVries, Kevin Rose, Pam DeYoung (attending as Horse Council Alternate in absence of Valerie Dietrich)

Members Absent: Ruth DeBoer, Rob Barnard – Motion: Buckham moved to excuse those absent. Seconded by DeVries. Motion carried by voice vote.

Staff Present: David Rachowicz, Veronica Bolhuis

Citizens:

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was held at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center and was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairperson, Marion Hill.
2. **Roll Call** – Roll was taken and a quorum was established.
3. **Approval of Minutes – February 22, 2017 Meeting** – Members reviewed the minutes. **Motion:** Buckham moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Harrison. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. **Citizen’s Time** – No citizen comments.
5. **Communications**
 - a. 4H Leaders Council Update – No Report
 - b. 4H Livestock Association Update – Rose reported that the group is working on pulling things together for the fair.
 - c. 4H Horse Council Update – Just completed the annual tack sale and it was very successful. All tables were sold out.
6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Fair Coordinator Position Update** – Rachowicz reported that the Fair Coordinator Position has been filled by Josh Gower.
7. **New Business**
 - a. **2017 Fair Rule Book** – Postponed to the April Meeting
 - b. **Adoptioin of Strategic Plan** - Members reviewed the draft Strategic Plan. **Motion:** Buckham moved to approve the Strategic Plan as presented. Seconded by DeYoung. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - c. **Review & Discussion of Fair Layout – Postponed until the April Meeting**
 - d. **Relationship Building – Define and Work Plan** – The Fair Council discussed ideas for organizations that we should strive to build or improve relationships. The group did an initial brainstorming that included the Master Gardeners, Wedels, Bedding Plan Group, Bells & Arcadia, Farm Bureau, KBS Bird Sanctuary, Air Zoo, Stryker, Air National Guard.
8. **Members Time-** No comments
9. **Adjournment-** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.