

KALAMAZOO COUNTY FAIR COUNCIL MEETING

March 27, 2019

Members Present: Molly Buckham, Jeanne Comar, Ruth DeBoer, Rod DeVries, Paul Harrison, Jackie Stasevich

Members Absent: Marion Hill, Marilyn Kritzman, Bob Gibson

Staff Present: Josh Gower, Tyler Augst, Veronica Bolhuis

Citizens: Toni Thompson Representing Parks Commission

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was held at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Room C and was called to order at 6:35pm by Vice Chair Person Ruth DeBoer.
2. **Roll Call** – Roll was taken and quorum was established. **Motion:** Stasevich moved to excuse the absent members. Seconded by Buckham. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. **Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2019 Meeting** - Members reviewed the minutes. **Motion:** DeVries moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Stasevich. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. **Citizen’s Time (Items not on the Agenda)** – None
5. **Communications**
 - a. **4H Leaders Council Update** – Rod DeVries
 - i. Fundraising Auction a success
 - ii. Gower explained the Friend of Fair
 - b. **4H Livestock Association Update** – Jackie Stasevich
 - i. Biosecurity question: where do we put quarantined animals? We should have something setup before the fair so that it’s not an issue during the event.
 - ii. Auction preps are underway.
 - iii. V and V Meats will do distribution for poultry and rabbits.
 - c. **4H Horse Council Update** – Jeanne Comar
 - i. Finalized state show qualifications for exhibitors
 - ii. Tack sale went well. Taking money at the doors was a better option than the entrance.
 - iii. Would like a warm up arena in the corner of arena area if it is possible. They are happy with the barns overall, but would like to replace some of the wood on barn 13.
 - iv. Discussed the potential of a later night on Saturday and are ok with it.
 - v. It seemed like there were a lot of gates open on the Saturday of move out night.
6. **Stasevich took over running meeting as DeBoer was not feeling well and left meeting.**
 - a. **Open Pony** – Ruth DeBoer
 - i. No Update
 - b. **MSU Extension** – Veronica Bolhuis
 - i. MSU approved YQCA.
 - \$5 charge for face to face. \$12 if done online.
 - ii. Heroes to Hives are coming to the fair on Friday August 9th to do a display/program.
 - c. **Entertainment Committee Update** – Josh Gower
 - i. Gower went over doing a Rodeo on Saturday night. The council would like to pursue the idea. Gower will look into costs and bring back to meeting in April
7. **Old Business**
 - a. Expanding Open Class Stills Exhibits/Superintendent – Discussion
 - i. Buckham will tweak the flyer.
 - ii. It was suggested to post Superintendent position on Gryphon Place volunteer website.
8. **New Business**
 - a. 2019 Kalamazoo County Youth Fair Theme Days – Discussion/Approval
 - i. Buckham Moves to approve theme days. Comar seconded. Passed by voice vote.
 - b. 2019 Kalamazoo County Youth Fair Veterinarian Contract - Discussion
 - i. Council approves Gower to contact Beadle Lake and see if they are able to cover the times needed.
9. **Member’s Time**
 - a. None

10. Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

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