

## KALAMAZOO COUNTY FAIR COUNCIL MEETING

October 23, 2019

**Members Present:** Molly Buckham, Jeanne Comar, Rod DeVries, Marion Hill, Jackie Stasevich  
**Members Absent:** Ruth DeBoer  
**Staff Present:** Tyler Augst, Josh Gower  
**Citizens:**

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 Chair Person Marion Hill.
2. **Roll Call** – Roll was taken and quorum was established. **Motion:** Stasevich moved to excuse the absent members. Seconded by Comar. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. **Approval of Minutes – August 28, 2019 and September 25, 2019 Meetings** - Members reviewed the minutes. **Motion:** Buckham moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by DeVries. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. **Citizen's Time (Items not on the Agenda) –**
5. **Communications**
  - a. **4H Leaders Council Update** – Rod DeVries
    - i. Reenrollment is happening.
    - ii. Meeting is next Monday.
    - iii. Budget will be approved next week.
  - b. **4H Livestock Association Update** – Jackie Stasevich
    - i. Changed the bylaws for the Fair Council representative time frame to match the three-year term that Kalamazoo County recognizes.
    - ii. Working on the budget.
    - iii. Think the large animals are going to be down in 2020.
  - c. **4H Horse Council Update** – Jeanne Comar
    - i. Working on open show dates – probably July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. Warm up area – could adjust the schedule to use the second arena as a warm up area for fair.
      - Would not work the same for the Open Show as the schedule is tighter.
    - iii. Would like to move Gymkhana to the evening.
      - Doesn't look great for 2020 with the state show being the weekend of fair.
    - iv. Officers were elected – Same as last year.
    - v. Budget approved.
    - vi. State delegate rules were discussed and will be adjusted.
  - d. **Open Pony** –
    - i.
  - e. **MSU Extension** – Tyler Augst
    - i. 103 youth currently enrolled. Around 300 in 2019.
    - ii. 230 youth and volunteers are pending.
    - iii. 59 volunteers enrolled. 128 in 2019.
    - iv. Working on some "Geek" clubs.
    - v. Awards November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Expo Center.
6. **Old Business**
  - a. 2020 Strategic Plan
7. **New Business**
  - a. Fair Council Bylaws
  - b. Nominations & Elections of Officers
    - i. **Motion:** DeVries moved that Hill, DeBoer and Stasevich stay as Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary. Buckham Seconded. Carried by a voice vote.
  - c. 2020 Fair Council Meeting Schedule – Approval of meeting dates and times
    - i. **Motion:** Buckham moved to approve meeting dates and times as corrected. Comar seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - d. 2020 Sponsorship Packet – Approval to recommend to Parks Commission
    - i. **Motion:** DeVries moved to approve the sponsorship packet. Stasevich seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - e. 2020 Fee Schedule – Approval to recommend to Parks Commission
    - i. **Motion:** Buckham moved to approve the fee schedule. Comar seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - f. 2019 120 Day Fair Report – Approve and sign
    - i. **Motion:** Comar moved to approve and sign. Seconded by Harrison. Motion carried by voice vote.
  - g. Board Member Recognition
8. **Member's Time**
  - a.
9. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

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