

## **HSC Foundation, Inc., Minutes May 26, 2021**

Attendees: Angie McArthur, Karen Marshall, Joel Schultz, Pat Schiefer, Dick Pershinske, Teresa Schanski, and John MacFarland

The minutes of the April 28, 2021 meeting were amended as follows: remove Gerry Grossman as the person who performed the soil testing at the memorial forest site. Teresa Schanski made a motion to make that change, Karen Marshall seconded, motion carried.

Teresa Schanski reported that we have \$2,799.75 in our Prime Share Account and \$21,947.20 in our Edward Jones Money Market Account. She will be writing a check to the EUP School District for the children's facemasks in the amount of \$469.51.

The following agenda additions were made under new business. B. TOLCA and C. Canada Creek Ranch.

Karen Marshall reported that the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club's board of governors has approved a new site for the Memorial Forest. The new site chosen is at the old ball field near the Garfield Township Marina. The Fish, Game, and Fowl Committee will clear the area. The foundation prefers that no planting take place at present until a design is rendered. Karen Marshall has made several phone calls looking for design assistance. Joel Shultz has a concern about vulnerability to vandalism and that we may want to suggest cameras be put at the site. Karen Marshall reported that the club's website should be complete in July or August. The Watershed grantors will be recognized at the club kiosk on US 2 using the state park format. Pat Schiefer wrote a letter to Menard's asking for materials donation for the Jocko Pond Family/Handicap Dock. There is enough money available without their assistance. Jim Nixon, club president, signed the MOU and Joel Schultz will ask the Sault Tribe to sign next and the final signature will be Dick Pershinske, president of the foundation. The Garfield Township recreation plan will include repairs to Mill Pond. Township residents will be able to express their wishes using the surveys available at various locations. Dick Pershinske was able to gain access to the transfer station for possible recycling use. The next step will be to organize a group of interested parties including

Brad Austin, township trustees (Garfield, Newton, and Hudson), Hiawatha Shores and other interested citizens. The grants available require a 25% match. Karen Marshall made a motion for the foundation to form an advisory committee to support the future of recycling, Teresa Schanski seconded, motion carried. Teresa Schanski reported there has been no action regarding the Children's Endowment. Dick Pershinske reported there has been no action regarding the rivalry fundraising possibility. John MacFarland and Pat Schiefer reported that EGLE turned down our Watershed Plan grant application. We had worked with Superior Watershed Partnership in preparing the grant request for \$20,900. John MacFarland made an inquiry to find out the possible reasons for the rejection. The answers were they were short on funding available for the number of applicants and others were better requests. It was suggested that we try again next year. Graymont meets on June 1<sup>st</sup> for their grant approval process. The TC Energy grant of \$10,000 is still pending. John MacFarland and Pat Schiefer will write and submit a Watershed grant proposal to Enbridge in the very near future. John MacFarland reported that the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Initiative would meet via Zoom on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Pat Schiefer has contacted several area churches and the Lions Club to see what youth initiatives they may have in place. Teresa Schanski will contact Father Marty and the Catholic Church in Naubinway. Dr. Bomber will be attending the next meeting of this group. John MacFarland will check into an opioid clinic coming to St. Ignace for more information. John MacFarland donated to the school some Narcan that was provided to him free. Angie McArthur mentioned there is a Facebook page called FAN, Families Against Narcotics, in Chippewa County. Pat Schiefer will contact Andy Sirvio, a local resident, for pricing on logo wear. Angie McArthur shared the progress of the EUP Connect Collaborative. It is a \$37,000,000 project to be spent in the next 3 to 5 years and will involve community partnerships. They are building interest groups and have an advisory group. The foundation will provide a letter of support. There are surveys showing the addresses of those who do and do not currently have Internet service available. Teresa Schanski will prepare a foundation handout with contacts to be distributed at the annual meeting. A thank you letter will be written to the DNR and the Sault Tribe for the 500,000 Walleye fingerlings planted in Millecoquins Lake in May. Teresa Schanski reported that TOLCA is searching for funding for a monument marking the northern most point of Lake Michigan.

TOLCA is looking for volunteers for the local 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. The kiddie parade is on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The regular parade, fish fry, and fireworks will be on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Dick Pershinske and Pat Schiefer met with Canada Creek Ranch representatives on May 20<sup>th</sup> to assist in them in the start up of a foundation similar to ours. We toured their club and we have invited them to come here in August to see our club and community.