

**Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes  
Of Thursday, January 7, 2021 6:00 PM  
Regular Meeting held “virtually”**

- **Call to Order:** Vice-Chair Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Members present for the virtual meeting were: Getty, Hamming, Schneider, Holmes, Fisk, Hammer, Schaefer and Hamilton. Also, in attendance were Program Director Dock and Recording Secretary Bremer.
- **Approval of Agenda as amended:** Dock requests to add 4.a. Resolution of Thanks to Getty to the Agenda. **Motion** by Fisk seconded by Hamming to approve the Agenda as amended. **Ayes, all, motion carried.**
- **Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes:** **Motion** by Getty seconded by Hamming to approve the Minutes of the December 3, 2020 Meeting as presented. **Ayes, all, motion carried.** Also, **Motion** by Fisk seconded by Hamilton to approve the Minutes of a Special Meeting held virtually on December 19, 2020 as presented. **Seven (7) ayes and one (1) abstention (Hamming who was absent from the Special Meeting), motion carried.**
- **Public Comments:** Chandler of J-ad was introduced and Bremer offered New Year greetings and comments of welcome to new member Schaefer, new Commissioner Getty and new Program Director Dock.
- **Adoption of Special Resolution of Thanks and Appreciation for Catherine Getty:** **Motion** by Hamming seconded by Fisk to adopt the Resolution as presented (see attached). **Seven (7) ayes and one (1) abstention (Getty who was the subject of the Resolution), motion carried.**
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Hamilton thanked Sprague, Dock and Getty for transition assistance and then shared the submitted Treasurer’s report (see attached report). Total income of \$14,424.06 included entity fees and grant award from the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation. Total expenses were \$4,680.45. The current checkbook balance is \$25,522.66. **Motion** by Hamming seconded by Holmes to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$4,680.45 and to approve the Finance Report as presented. **Ayes, all, motion carried.**
- Schneider begins 2021 Officer Appointments by nominating Holmes for Chair. Hamming nominates Getty. Holmes declines nomination. **Motion** by Hamming to close nominations and have a unanimous ballot cast for Getty as Chair seconded by Hamilton. **Seven (7) ayes and (1) abstention (nominee Getty), motion carried.** Getty takes charge of the meeting and asks for nominations for position of Vice-Chair. Hamming nominates Schneider. **Motion** by Fisk to close nominations and have a unanimous ballot cast for Schneider as Vice-Chair seconded by Hamming. **Seven (7) ayes and (1) abstention (nominee Schneider), motion carried.** Hamilton offers to remain as Treasurer. **Motion** by Getty to close nominations and have a unanimous ballot cast for Hamilton as

Treasurer seconded by Schneider. **Seven (7) ayes and (1) abstention (nominee Hamilton), motion carried.** Getty nominates Hamming for Secretary. Hamming accepts nomination. **Motion** by Getty to close nominations and have a unanimous ballot cast for Hamming as Secretary seconded by Fisk. **Seven (7) ayes and (1) abstention (nominee Hamming), motion carried.**

- **Unfinished Business:** Launching of the new logo is progressing as planned. The Winter Activity Challenge did not get launched due to the challenges of the Program Director transition. Residents will be encouraged to get active and stay active through the winter via Facebook and the TAPRC website. Due to Covid issues, the Used Sports Equipment Sale will become a Spring 2022 event.
- **New Business:** 2021 baseball/softball registration updates/upgrades are in process and should be ready for release by February. The 2020 fee of \$60 per player will remain in effect for 2021. The Coaches Training Manual is nearly complete. Hammer/Holmes will coordinate on-line training modules for coaches. Group "Spring Training" for players will begin following TK Schools Spring Break. The team selection process will take place after the training event(s). USA Baseball training modules will be available to participants. Covid will impact the program's equipment disbursement and could affect the budget with the additional need of sanitizing supplies. A "Covid Safety Plan" similar to the one used for flag football will be developed and implemented. It may require a "Health Volunteer" for each team to help with Covid protocols. Coach Dock, TAPRC and Middleville Youth Football will meet collectively on January 13 to begin discussions on the fall 2021 Flag Football program. Director Dock continues to work with Barry Community Foundation's Halle on the TAPRC's fundraising affiliation with the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation. Dock, Getty and Hamming continue to work on a draft proposal 2021 Marketing Plan. The "Plan" will be shared with the community through social media and e-mail updates.
- **Program Director's Report:** No report (see New Business above)
- **Chair Report:** No report
- **Committee Reports:**
  - Finance & Personnel: No additional report
  - Youth: No report
  - Development: No report
- Community Events: No report
- **Charity Shed:** Bremer offers to monitor the Charity Shed through the winter months. Dock and Getty will draft a "Reopening" news release for the Sun and News. Chandler agrees to assist.
- **Closing Comments:** Schaefer looking forward to being a part of the TAPRC; Hamming welcomes Schaefer; Schneider welcomes Schaefer and states that the Dock/Getty transition was a "perfect swap"; Fisk announces that the Village has approved the appointment of Schneider as a Village representative (TK Schools will need to fill the

opening that was created by Schneider's move); Getty welcomes Dock as the new Program Director.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to come before the Commission, on a motion by Schneider seconded by Fisk, Getty adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Bremer – Recording Secretary

**Next meeting:** Thursday February 4, 2021, 6 p.m. at the Thornapple Township Hall with a Zoom option.