

Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes Of Thursday, April 1, 2021 6:00 PM (held virtually)

- **Call to Order:** Chair Getty called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Members present for the virtual meeting were: Getty, Schneider, DeVries, Iveson, Schaefer, Hamming and Hamilton. Also, in attendance were Program Director Dock and Recording Secretary Bremer.
- **Approval of Agenda as amended:** Getty requests to add 5.d. (North Country Trail loop opportunity) and 5.e. (Charity Shed) to the Agenda. **Motion** by Hamming seconded by DeVries to approve the Agenda as amended. **Ayes, all, motion carried.**
- **Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes:** **Motion** by Hamming seconded by Hamilton to approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2021 Meeting as presented. **Ayes, all, motion carried.**
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Chair's Report:** Momentum is building for the Sheridan Park Project. A Youth Advisory Council grant for \$2,000 and a commitment of \$8,500 from the Village of Middleville will fund preliminary design work through Williams and Works for this project. Williams and Works will host a stake holders meeting in the near future to initiate their involvement. The Barry County Blue Zones organization is looking forward to assisting as they are able. The Village has identified a location (near Lee Elementary) and funding (a private source) for a "Dog Park". More information to follow as it becomes available. Local resident Jeff Kenyon has expressed interest in joining the TAPRC Board. Thornapple Township will recommend his appointment to a four (4) year term which would expire in December of 2025. This would be to replace Holmes, who resigned last month. Getty has contacted the North Country Trail (NCT) organization and the State DNR and proposed the addition to a "loop trail" to the existing NCT section between Crane Rd. and Robertson Rd. Bureaucratic formalities must be followed but there is positive excitement from all entities involved. Help for the Charity Shed from the TKHS National Honor Society has ended. TAPRC Board members will return to that task. Following is a schedule of volunteers: APRIL - Schneider; MAY - Schaefer; JUNE - Getty; JULY - Hamilton; AUGUST - Dock; SEPTEMBER - Iveson; OCTOBER - Hamming; NOVEMBER - DeVries; DECEMBER - Bremer.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Hamilton shared the submitted Treasurer's report (see attached report). Total income of \$23,967.41 which consisted mostly of baseball/softball player registrations. Total expenses were \$12,922.78. The current checkbook balance as of 3/30/21, is \$42,979.91 compared to \$41,094.34 one year ago. There were some questions regarding budgeted and actual baseball/softball registration fee income. Dock, Getty and Hamilton will investigate. **Motion** by DeVries seconded by Schneider to

approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$12,922.78 and to approve the Finance Report as presented. **Ayes, all, motion carried.** All documentation for the 2020 Audit has been presented to the auditor. There should be results by the May meeting.

- **Program Director's Report:** Dock will be forwarding a COVID Safety Plan (health checks) and an Emergency Preparedness Plan to Board members for approval. These policies will be implemented with the beginning of the 2021 season of activities. Per State requirements, all athletes 13 and older will be required to have weekly COVID testing to participate. Dock has been working with the TK Athletic Department to coordinate the testing. They have been extremely helpful and cooperative. Testing will begin Sunday, April 11, and continue on Sundays until TAPRC programming has ended or the State reduces/ends their restrictions. Registration for TAPRC youth baseball/softball ended March 12. Teams have been established. Due to the current COVID protocols and procedures, there will be no late registrations allowed. Dock has referred late requests to the YMCA of Barry County with a mid-April registration deadline. Team pictures will take place on May 15. Participants will be allowed to be maskless for the pictures. Dock renewed the insurance policy as our middle school levels are already practicing. She is looking into adding a "crime and equipment" element to our insurance package. All 27 teams have sponsors and Spectrum Health Pennock has agreed to be a "Health Partner" with TAPRC and has provided \$2,500 to help with health related expenses (masks, disinfectant, etc.). A "Field Maintenance Day" has been set for Saturday, April 10, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Crane Rd. complex. Dock also shared a schedule for "Equipment Bag Stuffing" - Thursday, April 8, 10:00 a.m. at the Thornapple Township Hall and "Equipment Distribution Day" - Sunday, April 11. A schedule of Board volunteers to assist with these events will be distributed in the near future. The Middleville Youth Football organization has requested to NOT absorb the TAPRC flag football into their schedule at this time. Dock will continue to pursue this option.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - Finance & Personnel: No additional report
 - Youth: Hammer, Iveson and TK coaches have completed a "Baseball/Softball Virtual Training" video. Previews of the program are VERY encouraging. This training video will be available to all TAPRC coaches and staff. Hamming will get "thank yous" to those involved.
 - Development: Hamming continues to update TAPRC social media sites. Dock and Hamming will pursue promoting the 2022 Used Sports Equipment Sale fundraiser. Getty will contact the Village, Middleville Christian Reformed Church and Thornapple Floral regarding TAPRC promotional use of their respective signboards.
- Community Events: No report
- **Charity Shed:** (see Chair's Report, above)
- **Closing Comments:** Getty will address Committee assignments at the May meeting.

Adjournment: With no further business to come before the Commission, Getty adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Bremer – Recording Secretary

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