

# Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes

## Of Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:00 PM

### (held virtually)

- **Call to Order:** Chair Getty called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Members present for the virtual meeting were: Getty, Schneider, DeVries, Iveson, Schaefer, Hamming, Hamilton and Kenyon. Also, in attendance were Program Director Dock, J-ad representative Chandler and Recording Secretary Bremer.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Scneider requests to add 9.b. (Youth Committee report) to the Agenda. **Motion** by DeVries seconded by Schneider to approve the Agenda as amended. **Ayes, all, motion carried.**
- **Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes:** **Motion** by Hamming seconded by Schneider to approve the Minutes of the April 1, 2021 Meeting as presented. **Ayes, all, motion carried.**
- **Public Comments:** None
- **Chair's Report:** Williams & Works will have an informational booth regarding the proposed Sheridan Park initiative on May 15 (TAPRC Baseball/Softball Picture Day) near the Page Softball diamond. Getty welcomed newest Board member Jeff Kenyon to the TAPRC. Getty informed teh Board of a Barry County Parks and Recreation Grant opportunity. Requests of \$2,000 or more will require a 25% match. Getty and Dock will consider options/suggestions from Board members.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Hamilton shared the submitted Treasurer's report (see attached report). Total income of \$11,027.50 which consisted mostly of baseball/softball player registrations, sponsorships, YAC Grant and a quarterly United Way contribution. Total expenses were \$5,168.34. The current checkbook balance as of 4/30/21, is \$48,839.07 compared to \$29,972.82 one year ago. Hamilton stated that there could be some budget amendments ready for approval at the June meeting. The 2020 audit remains in process. **Motion** by Schneider seconded by DeVries to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$5,168.34 and to approve the Finance Report as presented. **Ayes, all, motion carried.**
- **Program Director's Report:** Dock provided a written report (see attached. Weekly COVID testing per State requirements for all athletes 13 and older will remain in effect until May 31. Team pictures will take place on May 15. Participants will be allowed to be maskless for the pictures. A time to set-up the new batting cage has been set at noon on Saturday, May 8. Volunteers are NEEDED to help!
- **Committee Reports:**
  - Finance & Personnel: No additional report
  - Development: Hamming continues to professionally update TAPRC social media sites. Dock and Getty are working on thank you/receipt letters for sponsors. It will be

made known to TK School District residents that used sports equipment can be donated to the TAPRC at the Thornapple Township Hall during its regular business hours. Special requests for pick-up and/or drop-off assistance can be arranged by contacting the TAPRC.

- Youth: Schneider reported that her sign-up sheet and master schedule of TAPRC games and practices is nearly complete. Board members are encouraged to visit/attend games and/or practices and get a personal view of what's happening.
- Community Events: No report
- **Charity Shed Schedule:** MAY - Schaefer; JUNE - Getty; JULY - Hamilton; AUGUST - Dock; SEPTEMBER - Iveson; OCTOBER - Hamming; NOVEMBER - DeVries; DECEMBER - Bremer.
- **Closing Comments:** DeVries announced that a Paul Henry - Thornapple Trail photo contest is in the works and will be made public in the near future.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to come before the Commission, Getty adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Bremer – Recording Secretary

**Next meeting:** Thursday June 3, 2021, 6 p.m. at the Thornapple Township Hall with a Zoom option.