

**Thornapple Area Parks and Rec Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 6 p.m. at Thornapple Township Hall**

- 1.) Catherine Getty called the meeting to order at 6:03.  
In attendance: Nick Iveson, Jacki Schneider, Jeff Kenyon, Emily Dock (director), Catherine Getty (chairperson), Brian Hammer and Patty Rayl (village manager).  
Not in attendance: Tom DeVries, Tommy Hamilton, Anne Hamming, Eric Shaefer
- 2.) Approval of Agenda – amended the agenda to put the minutes at the end of the meeting.
- 3.) Approval of June meeting minutes – MUST DO AT NEXT MEETING
- 4.) Public Comments – Village manager Patty Rayl was in attendance but had no comment.
- 5.) Chair’s Report
  - a. Getty had walked the board through 2 different conceptual drawings for the Sheridan Park Plan. The board will meet on Monday, August 16 with village officials at 5 p.m.
  - b. Day of Caring is September 16. TAPRC has submitted 3 projects: Crane Road fields brush clearing, bottle and can returns, baseball/softball equipment clean-up.
  - c. -Coach of the year – Board members went through survey results where participant families nominated coaches. Getty recommended Jake Welch. Motion to nominate Jake Welch by Jacki Schneider. Support by Jeff Kenyon. Ayes: 5. No: 0.
  - d. Dog Park Update- Village Council is supportive of the project, but questions about handicap parking is a concern. A design firm was contacted and it would cost \$9,000 to work with them. Council didn’t want to spend that much money on an accessibility plan so they are looking at other options.
  - e. Life size foosball game- Cory Robinet made it for TAPRC years ago with grant funds. It was fun and we used it for a few events but it’s clunky, in disrepair and it went into storage. Cory offered \$200 to buy it. Motion to sell it by Catherine Getty. Support by Jacki Schneider. Ayes: 5. No: 0.
- 6.) Financial Report – Treasurer Tom Hamilton was not at the meeting. The board tabled budget amendments to the September meeting. Motion to accept the financial report by Jacki Schneider. Support by Jeff Kenyon. Ayes: 5. No: 0.
- 7.) Director’s Report – Emily Dock is closing up the ball fields and collecting equipment. The past week TAPRC ran Select tryouts for the 2022 season. They will have a 10U, 12U and 2-14U teams. Teams will be finalized next week. Dock worked with middle school coaches and varsity coach Ashley Garrett to try and pull off a fall softball league for grades 6-8. They were not able to get all teams to commit. However, coach Jake Cartwright is heading a fall ball opportunity, more intramural type, for TK girls grades 6-8 on Sundays this fall. TAPRC has also passed flag football to the high school program. Dock is working with Middleville Youth Football and the high school program to unite football K-12 under one umbrella. Dock also commented that all spring sponsorship thank you/receipt letters are in the mail.
- 8.) Community Events Committee – The Heritage days 5K/10K run will take place on Saturday, August 21. Getty reported that there are 35 runners currently signed up. Shirts are ordered. Getty assigned board members to help on race day.
- 9.) Development Committee –

- a. The used sports equipment sale is being promoted as a collection opportunity. There is no date set for another sale.
- b. The end of year appeal will not happen until December. However, TAPRC will run an ad in the TK athletics sports program with a giving plug.

10.) Other Business

- a. Due to schedules and the Labor Day holiday, the board will poll members on a September meeting date.
- b. Getty discussed the charity shed. The dentist who currently owns the property wants the shed moved. We are working through relocating that.