

## Minutes

### Thornapple Area Parks and Rec Commission Agenda

Monday, Oct. 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Thornapple Township Hall

1) Chairwoman Catherine Getty called the meeting to order at **6:01 p.m.**

Members present: Catherine Getty, Tom Hamilton, Tom DeVries, Anne Hamming, Erik Shaefer, Jacki Schneider, Brian Hammer, Jeff Kenyon

Absent: Nick Iveson

Staff present: Director Emily Dock.

Members of the public: None

2.) Approval of Agenda

Motion by Schneider, seconded by Hamming to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried 8-0

3.) Approval of June and August meeting minutes

Motion by Devries, seconded by Schneider to adopt the June minutes as presented.

Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Hammer, seconded by Schneider to adopt the August minutes as presented.

Motion carried 8-0.

4.) Public Comments: None

5.) Chairwoman's Report

A) Coach of the year Award: Baseball/softball coaches selected Jake Welch as Coach of the Year. Welch was not able to attend to receive the award. Getty will meet with Welch in the days ahead to give him his award.

B) Sheridan Park Plan: The second community survey will close on Friday, Oct. 8. Getty met with Bradford White officials about the park concept. They were receptive and supportive. They see the park as a way to support their staff wellness initiatives and encourage employees to live in the community where they work. Getty asked the board to plan to attend a stakeholder meeting in late October to review the survey input and discuss next steps.

C) Day of Caring -- No one signed up to clean equipment or work at Crane. Getty will schedule a workday to clean up equipment.

D) Dog park update -- The village approved 1250 linear feet of fencing but the fencing is back ordered and it might not be installed until spring.

E) Charity shed -- Getty continues to search for new sites for the charity shed. One option is at the middle school next to the paper gator. Catherine will get NHS volunteers for the end of November to cover Tom DeVries.

F) Heritage Day River Run -

G) Shiver on the River 5K, Dec. 11 -- The DDA asked if TAPRC wants to run this event as a fund raiser. Board members had several questions about the feasibility and their availability that day.

6. Treasurer report -- See attached reports

Motion by Schnieder, seconded by Hammer to approve treasures' report as presented  
Motion carried 8-0

7. Director's report

A) TAPRC will have four Select baseball teams in 2022 because of strong numbers at middle school.

B) Coaches are looking at joining the BATL League as a way to step up our play into a travel league. TAPRC would be in the lowest bracket because we are just starting; The league is trying to stretch from Rockford to Battle Creek.

C) Dock would like to use the McFall field as a middle school field. To make that happen, Hammer recommends a movable mound and movable fence. Only drawback to the field is parking, which requires spectators to walk from lots at the Christian Reformed church or the school.

D) The handoff of flag football to the school has gone very smoothly.

9) Sport equipment sale: Board members brainstormed options such as the Middleville garage sale days in May. A date in March would serve families looking for baseball equipment. Getty suggested following up with Katherine Schmidt about holding it under the pavilion in late March with patio heaters. An alternative site to the school is needed in case covid restrictions on school visitors remain in place in March.

Development committee: The board supports the concept of a year-end email and social media campaign to kick off after Dec. 1 to raise funds for the endowment fund. The campaign theme will center on building a future.

Next meeting is Nov. 4 at the Thornapple Township Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05