

TAPRC Meeting – March 17, 2022

Thornapple Township Emergency Services

Board members present – Catherine Getty, Anne Hamming, Jacki Schneider, Jeff Kenyon, Tom Hamilton, Tom DeVries, Director Emily Dock

Absent – Brian Hammer, Nick Iveson

Call to order: President Getty called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Hamming, seconded by DeVries to adopt the agenda with the addition of a discussion of Heritage Day activities. Motion carries 6-0.

Public comment – Katie Schmidt Village DDA director, and Patricia Reyl, Middleville village manager, thanked the board for their service.

Arts council and Public Spaces Community Places Grant – Katie Schmidt presented the goals of the new initiative in the village. Includes art projects to add color and interest downtown, such as murals around town. Still determining the specific projects the DDA would request funds for, though one item that is on the list is tiers at the amphitheater. A meeting of the committee that will be open to public participation will be 6 p.m., April 10 at 6 pm. at the Mix . Shmidt also reminded the board that Spring Fest is May 13 .

6. Treasurer's report – Hamilton presented the report, showing net profit through Feb. 28,2022 as 18,629.52, including player registration fees and sponsorships and shed removal expense. Motion by Schneider, seconded by Kenyon to adopt the financial statements. Motion carried 6-0

7. Chair's report

A. Heritage Day – Getty shared the idea of a canoe race from downtown boat launch to Indian Valley Campground. Board members discussed if they would discontinue the run because of the volunteer hours available. They discussed if another organization would want to run the 5K or find a fun theme to give it new life. Getty will post a meeting to plan. The board will move forward with planning canoe race. 5K run plans will be determined in May.

B. Sheridan Park Update: Emily and Catherine have been sharing the park plans with entities, Middleville and Hastings Rotary Clubs. Getty has received favorable responses to the project and to the concept of prioritizing the park for grant requests.

C Crane Road Shed: The old shed has been removed and the space is ready for delivery of a new shed. Getty requested approval to purchase a 12-by-20-foot economy shed from Michigan Dutch Barns for \$6887.38. The shed will be delivered the second week of April. Motion by Hamming, seconded by DeVries to approve the purchase. Motion carries 6-0.

D The charity shed has been opened at the middle school location. Mike Bremer has agreed to help with emptying the shed and returning empties for half of the amount of the returns. Athletic teams will also be approached about taking advantage of the same arrangement to support their programs.

E: Used equipment sale: The sale raised \$451.39.

F. Chamber expo: Thornapple Township offered to let TAPRC join their table at a Chamber business expo occurring on April 23. Motion by Hamming, seconded by Schnieder for TAPRC to partner with the township for the booth. Motion carries 6-0.

8. Director's report: Dock reported that just under 450 kids signed up for youth baseball and softball for the upcoming season. This surpasses the record of 426 kids in 2018. The high numbers are creating challenges for field space. Dock has worked out agreements with Leighton United Methodist Church and Freeport to fill in with their fields. A field that had not been used for several years at McFall Elementary is also being brought back up to usable condition to meet the need for fields. Preparations at Spring Park are complicated by the fact a tree fell on a dugout and destroyed it.

Getty adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.