

Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes from Nov. 21, 2022 meeting at the Thornapple Township Hall

Chairwoman Catherine Getty called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Present: Getty, Anne Hamming, Jeff Kenyon, Brian Hammer, Eric Schaefer, Tom Hamilton

Absent: Nick Iveson

Staff present: Director Emily Dock

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Kenyon, seconded by Schaefer to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carries 6-0

Minutes: Motion by Schaefer, seconded by Hamilton to adopt the minutes from the Oct. 17 meeting.

Motion carries 6-0

No member of the public in attendance to comment

Treasurer's report: For 2022, TAPRC is \$2,753 overbudget but we can absorb it this year because of a healthy fund balance.

2023 proposed budget: Hamilton pointed out several items in the 2023 budget. The budget for 2023 includes the expense of a biannual audit but the costs are a wash for the organization because the entities split the cost. It also reflects that there will be no middle school revenue or expenses since that has been moved under the direction of the high school softball coaching staff. The allocation for umpiring was increased to \$7,500 from \$5,500 in 2022 to reflect how umpiring wages have risen. Board members discussed if an increase in the United Way grant request is an option to offset the increased cost. Board members also discussed options to acquire a used utility vehicle, including grant requests, discounts from dealerships, or advertising to offset the costs. Motion by Hamming, second Kenyon to adopt the 2023 budget as presented. Motion carries 6-0.

Chair report: Getty told the board that four applications for baseball-softball director were received. Getty recommend interviewing Lloyd Skiba, Jessica Thornton and Lisa Schaffer. She will try to set up interviews for them on Sunday, November 25. Hammer and Dock will also participate in interviewing the candidates. They plan to come back to the board with a recommendation as soon as possible.

Board vacancies: Two village vacancies. Village will appoint entity rep on Nov. 22. Board members would like to nominate Dock the second spot for the village as soon as her replacement has been found. Once the village vacancies are filled, the board will

Director's report: There was none as Dock left the meeting early.

Motion by Hamming, seconded by Schaefer to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Motion carries 6-0.