

Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission

Minutes from Jan. 4, 2023, meeting at the Thornapple Township Hall

Chairwoman Catherine Getty called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Getty, Anne Hamming, Jeff Kenyon, Brian Hammer, Eric Schaefer, Tom Hamilton, Ann Williams, Nick Iveson.

Absent: None

Staff present: Director Emily Dock

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

Motion carries 8-0

Minutes: Motion by Schaefer, seconded by Hamming to adopt the minutes from the Nov. 21, 2022, meeting. Motion carries 8-0

Election of officers: Motion by Hamming, seconded by Schaefer to adopt the following slate of officers:

- a) Chairperson: Getty
- b) Vice Chairperson - vacant
- c) Treasurer- Hamilton
- d) Secretary- Hamming

Motion carries, 8-0

No members of the public in attendance to provide public comment.

Treasurer's report: Hamilton presented the activity statement and trial balance for 2022. Overall, expenditures were within one dollar of budget expenditures while revenue was down by \$4,913. Nearly half of the decreased revenue was a result of less charity shed revenue and reduced grant income.

Motion by Kenyon, seconded by Schaefer, to adopt the financial report as presented. Motion carries 8-0

Chair's Report

- A) Program Director candidate recommendation: Dock and Getty interviewed four candidates in December. Nathan Fischer was the strongest candidate, and he was the only candidate with all the skills to be successful in this sixth-month position to run our softball-baseball program for children in T-ball through 12U. Getty recommends that the board hire Nathan Fischer, effective Jan. 1. Motion by Schaefer, support by Williams. Motion carries by roll call vote 8-0.
- B) TAPRC Board vacancies and schedule of appointments: Now that Emily Dock can step down as the program director, she will apply for one of two board vacancies to represent the village. The village council is expected to act on an appointment in late January or early February. School district appointees Iveson and Hammer will turn in resignations from the board so they can shift into advisory roles. TK Varsity softball coach Ashley Garrett will also be invited to an advisory role. Getty will apply for one of the school district seats as soon as it is posted so she can continue to serve on the board now that she is no longer eligible to represent Thornapple Township. The school board will decide at its Feb. 13 meeting.

- C) 2023 Annual Meeting Dates: The board will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings will be Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13.

Director's report: In her final director report, Dock said she has prepared the 2022 Annual Report to the partner entities in the first quarter of this year.

Motion by Schaefer, seconded by Williams to adjourn. Motion carries 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.