

Thornapple Trail Association Minutes
December 5, 2011

Present: Betty and Phil Van Noord, Jean and Cal Lamoreaux, Rick Moore, Mike Rawson, Larry Pio, Mark Fritsma, Jeff Seavolt, Blair Miller, and Sue Reyff

Phil Van Noord, treasurer opened the meeting opened at 7:02 pm.

The secretary presented the minutes from November 7, 2011. Phil moved to accept the corrected minutes. Sue R. supported. Approved by voice vote.

Phil presented and moved to accept the treasurer's report which showed \$2,542.55 in checking at Hastings City Bank and \$33,532.84 at Lake Michigan Credit Union. Rick supported. Approved by voice vote.

Phil presented communication from Sharon Nunnelee with thoughts from Dale Hecksel on the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail. Kent County Parks Foundation Newsletter was presented as a communication.

Phil discussed the Village of Middleville approval of Tom Ackerman's snow removal of 1/3rd of the Paul Henry- Thornapple Trail.

Cal moved to set the membership dues at \$5.00 for family or individual and \$10.00 for business. Dues are for one year, from January to December. Mike supported the motion. Approved by voice vote. It was noted that we already have at least seven life members paid up by \$100.00 donations. Research will be done to complete this list.

Volunteer hours along M-66 to Mitch Hopkins property: Jim Irwin and children cleaned there 14 hours. Jim Irwin and Rick Moore spent 6 more hours cleaning up the trash.

Barry County Parks and Recreation Board will have a new president, starting in January 2012.

Mark talked about the Thornapple Trail Association web site. PayPal capabilities are coming and should be ready in January for the Woodpecker Festival use.

Larry Pio informed the group of the trail walk on New Year's Day at Yankee Springs State Recreation Area.

Blair said West Michigan Trails and Greenways gave permission to use \$15,000 to apply to a land contract for the section of trail near Nashville. We appreciate his sharing and helping to get a foot in the door. Maple Valley News had a picture and article on awards that Rick Moore and Mark Blair received. Vermontville may be the one that gets the grant for Safe Routes to School. Blair has maple syrup for sale. We could buy it and resell it as a fund raiser.

Woodpecker Festival committee will meet in January and have report ready for next meeting.

It was the consensus of the members to skip the January meeting and have the Feb 6, 2012 meeting at Maple Valley High School at 7 PM. Directions will be sent with the agenda.

At 8: 41 pm Rick moved to adjourn. Mike supported. Approved by voice vote

Jean Lamoreaux, Secretary