



AGENDA

Thornapple River SAD Ad-Hoc Committee
Monday, August 7, 2023
5:30 pm
5920 Tahoe Dr. SE

- Article 1.** Call the Meeting to Order
- Article 2.** Approval of Agenda
- Article 3.** Approval of June 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- Article 4.** Acknowledge Visitors & Public Comment
(limited to five minutes per speaker)
- Article 5.** Safety & Navigational Markers Project Update
- Article 6.** Aquatic Nuisance Weed Management Update
- Article 7.** Large Debris Removal Project
- Article 8.** Other Business
- Article 9.** Roundtable/Q & A
- Article 10.** Adjournment

MINUTES

Cascade Charter Township
THORNAPPLE RIVER SAD AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING
June 19, 2023 at 5:30pm
Cascade Charter Township Hall
5920 Tahoe Dr. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

- ARTICLE 1.** The meeting was called to order at 5:29pm.
- Members Present: Members Scott Rissi, Chuck Whitley, Leann Rowland, Thomas Keith, Jeff Carpenter, and Trustee Shipley
- Members Late: Michael Wiegand
- Others Present: Parks & Recreation Director Melanie Manion (Director Manion), Management Office Administrative Assistant Jessica Stine, Jeremy Birch of Viking Marine Construction (Zoom)
- ARTICLE 2. Approve the current Agenda**
- Motion was made by Member Rissi to approve the agenda as written. Supported by Member Rowland. Motion carried.**
- ARTICLE 3. Acknowledge Visitors & Public Comment**
- There weren't any visitors who wished to comment at that time.
- ARTICLE 4. Approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2023 Meeting**
- Motion was made by Member Rissi to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2023 meeting as written. Supported by Member Keith. Motion carried.**
- ARTICLE 5. Safety & Navigational Marking Plan RFP Response Review**
- The committee discussed the Safety & Navigational Marking Plan proposal with Jeremy Birch of Viking Marine Construction. The committee wants fewer markings than on the proposal, including between the highway bridge and the railroad bridge. Birch said the number of markings can be reduced; he included all that would be useful for new boat drivers who may not be as familiar with the river.

Member Wiegand arrived.

Member Carpenter asked if there were any regulations against only posting channel markers along one side of the river and Birch said he would check with EGLE to verify, but he didn't believe there were any. The river would first be surveyed, then an overlay would be placed on it so they could decide where they wanted the buoys. A copy of the survey map would be a deliverable for the committee. They asked what the bathymetric survey and permit timeline would consist of and he said between 60 and 180 days, though likely closer to the 60-day mark once it is filed. All parts of the project

would be encompassed in one permit and they should request a permit for their maximum need and could always do less than what they propose. A final map of the surveyed portion of the river would be available a couple weeks after the project would be approved.

Member Rissi was able to accommodate the boat launch for the company to survey the river. He suggested sending out an eblast and posting on the website to let residents know about water levels and staying off the water during the survey.

ARTICLE 6. Aquatic Weed Management Plan Update

Curly pond weed was found and the first treatment cost \$6,300. The milfoil is much better in 2023 but still needs to be harvested.

Director Manion explained that chemical treatment can prove less effective over time and suggested looking at other way to reduce nuisance plants. She also stated that there have been situations on a river that EGLE permitted a treatment, but Michigan DNR was supportive. Director Manion shared that there are grants to place buffers in the river. Member Rissi stated that the best way to reduce the weeds would be to put in sanitary sewer.

ARTICLE 7. Any Other Business

River Cleanup-Director Manion invited all members of the committee to the next day's Parks Committee meeting at 8am as there will be a speaker on the Thornapple River cleanup set to take place in the fall. Cascade will use the same group and should be able to provide further information.

Debris Removal-The committee considered the scope of debris removal. There are an excessive number of trees and branches in the river but committee members were waiting for flood waters to recede before determining how much would need to be removed. There was money earmarked for debris removal in the SAD budget and the residents expected the debris removal to occur. The committee wanted to focus on the navigable areas of the river; if the debris is attached to the shore, previous Township Manager Swayze and EGLE said they should not try to remove it. Johnson from Larry's Lawn Service is being considered. Motion was made by Member Rissi for Director Manion to contact companies on the possibility of debris removal. Supported by Member Wiegand. Motion carried 7 to 0.

ARTICLE 8. Roundtable Q & A

The July 3rd meeting will be cancelled and a special meeting will be scheduled later in the month if necessary.

ARTICLE 9. Public Comment

There were not any visitors who wished to comment at this time.

ARTICLE 10. Adjournment

**Motion was made by Member Rissi to adjourn. Supported by Member Wiegand.
Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.**

Approved by the Thornapple River SAD Ad-Hoc Committee - TBD

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TREE SERVICE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO

Name Cascade Township
Street _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number 616-299-8117
Email mmanione
Date 7-28-23
Contact Scott Rissi

We hereby propose to furnish the materials and perform the labor necessary for the completion of

Barge work up to 8hrs \$4200 A day
\$500 per additional hour after 8 hrs.

Approx 2-3 days

All material Redlocated in River on site

- Tree Trimming \$ _____
- Tree Removal..... \$ _____
- Chipping Brush \$ _____
- Stump Grinding \$ _____
- Minor Landscaping..... \$ _____
- Other \$ _____

All material is guaranteed to be as specified, and the above work is to be performed in accordance with the drawings and specifications submitted for above work and completed in a substantial workmanlike manner for the sum of **Total Costs \$** _____

with payments to be made as follows

Respectfully submitted _____
Per _____

Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written order, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents, or delays beyond our control.

Note • This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within _____ days.

All balances 30 days past due will be subject to a 1.5% per month service charge. This is an annual rate of 18%.

May be subject to a Fuel Surcharge.

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL

The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Customer acknowledges upon signing this contract that Larry's Tree Service will not be held responsible for any lawn damage or cement/pavement damage.

Customer Signature _____ Date: _____