

MINUTES
Newaygo Community Recreation Authority
Newaygo County, Michigan
June 11, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM at the Welcome Center, located at 4684 Evergreen Dr., Newaygo, MI 49337 by Chairperson Jennifer Badgero.

Present: Jon Schneider (City of Newaygo), Jennifer Badgero (Brooks Twp), Erik Larsen (Garfield Twp), Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo), Duane duChemin (Croton Twp), Kim Goodin (Brooks Twp), Nancy Kinniburgh (Garfield Twp), Ron Welton (County Park's Dept.)

Absent: Morgan Heinzman (Croton Twp)

MINUTES

Motion by Larsen, support by Parsley to approve meeting minutes from 05/14/15. AIF/MC

FINANCIALS

Motion by Badgero, support by Goodin to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. AIF/MC
Schneider stated NCRA is still waiting for a contribution from the soccer organization other than that there is not much change. Biegalle noted that there is a new Regional Coordinator, Matt Briggs, and the DeJonghe's are no longer involved.

OLD BUSINESS

Schneider stated that the water is up and operational as of a couple days ago; the well people routed the sprinkler services to the new well and Grewe's Landscaping had worked on the control systems for the sprinklers. Jon Mellema was in attendance to give the board an update on the fields. Mellema stated that the fields don't look bad and are better than they were last August. Some of the seeding didn't take but there is new grass on the fields. He fertilized and sprayed for weeds and in a week to 10 days should see a color difference especially with the water going. The sprinklers are working from 12:30 am until 10:00 am and will give the fields 1" of rain per week which Mellema said is optimal. Mellema suggested waiting a couple weeks before considering doing any more seeding; first part of July. Grewe's fixed all the sprinkler heads in the system and he and Schneider will re-evaluate the fertilizer in about two weeks. Mellema recommended that the soccer organization mow frequently especially since the fertilizer is down, leaving a 2 ½ to 3" height of grass. He is planning on doing three more application of fertilizer over the summer months. Mellema is waiting to hear from Heinzman to coordinate the compost spreading. The next application of fertilizer will be approximately the third week of July. Mellema noted that the middle and north fields are in rough shape.

Schneider reiterated, as stated above, that the new well is up and running. The City's TIFA paid for the well to be put in at a cost of approximately \$40,000 which included the drilling, electric (3 phase), capping and converting of the previous lines, etc. NCRA is responsible for paying the electric bill and any maintenance.

duChemin stated that the baseball fields are in good shape. Brad Biegalle, a sponsor of the baseball fields, will be looking out for any plumbing issues that may arise and possibly the winterization. They will look at the possibility of running electric to the yellow building after the season is over. Schneider mentioned that a City Council member was asking about having concessions at the fields. duChemin stated that has been discussed in the past, not a money maker but something that could possibly happen in the future.

Welton stated that the tennis courts resurfacing will be done after the new fiscal budget has started in July. He noted that the Pickle Ball people have done some cleaning at the courts. Schneider stated that he offered the Pickle Ball organization the use of some DPW equipment for the cleaning of the courts if they had the means to transport but hasn't heard back from them yet.

Badgero stated that Giberson was not interested in working on the Recreation Plan. Schneider said that LIAA will do it for approximately \$5,200 but the board will need to formally approve that over the next few months.

Badgero stated that the trail way at Marshall is still on her radar but just hasn't had the time and the resources. Has a possible source at the museum.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Welton needs to replace the rope at the sledding hill before sledding season at a cost of approximately \$600. Schneider told him there is money in the budget now and to get it ordered before June 30th. Larson asked if the road at the soccer field could be graded and more crushed concrete added. Schneider said the City could donate the labor and back blade it if NCRA would like to pay for the concrete. Schneider met with the Reed City Recreation Authority; they came out to look at our soccer fields. They currently do not have any fields and asked Schneider lots of questions regarding costs and maintenance of the fields. Kinniburgh asked if there has been anymore talk on new baseball fields. Larsen stated he hasn't talked to Suchy about the land at Garfield Township.

Motion by Larson, support by Parsley to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 am.

Kim Biegalle, Secretary