

MINUTES
Newaygo Community Recreation Authority
Newaygo County, Michigan
August 13, 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), Duane duChemin (Croton Twp), Kim Goodin (Brooks Twp), Morgan Heinzman (Croton Twp), Ron Welton (County Park's Dept.)

Absent: Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo), Nancy Kinniburgh (Garfield Twp)

Guests: N/A

MINUTES

Motion by Heinzman, support by Larsen to approve meeting minutes from 07/09/15. AIF/MC

FINANCIALS

Motion by Heinzman, support by Goodin to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. AIF/MC Schneider stated as of right now NCRA ended the 2014/2015 fiscal year in the positive by \$2,500. Regarding the current year budget, the Newaygo Public Schools is the only entity that hasn't paid their NCRA dues and the soccer and baseball revenue will be coming in over the fiscal year. Other than that, no significant changes, expense side has the insurance bill that was paid. Heinzman asked what the electric bill for the soccer field well was running. Schneider stated that is at the \$500 range right now. Heinzman stated that the new mower will be available in the next week or so; it's the exact same mower that was purchased previously.

OLD BUSINESS

Schneider stated that Mellema said the upper/top field will be alright to play on in the fall and that the soccer organization would like to work on the middle field next. Irrigation on the fields is going well.

duChemin stated the baseball fields are status quo; nothing to report other than the organization is still looking in putting in electric and B & B Plumbing will be taking care of the irrigation/water issues/winterizing.

Welton stated that the tennis courts will be resurfaced yet this month but does not have a date; Goodin concerned about the Pickle Ball people not having a date and not being able to use the courts possibly.

Goodin had an outline for the board on some key items to move ahead on getting the NCRA Recreation Plan updated. She felt that we already have a lot of what is required in the current plan but need to have a couple of public hearings/survey's to meet requirements for getting the plan renewed. Board had some discussion and Heinzman and Goodin will work on setting up a couple of public hearings, Schneider will update and make changes to the current plan as needed. Schneider/Goodin will look into the possibility of doing an electronic survey (SurveyMonkey) but other board members need to come up with questions to put on the survey. Heinzman stated that the Croton Community Church is giving the sledding hill and ball diamonds behind their building to Croton Township and may be something to put in the plan.

Badgero stated that she walked the Marshall Trail this past week; there was a couple low spots to check out and some spindles on the bigger stairs need to be replaced. Talked about doing a kiosk and putting historical information within that structure versus putting up signs throughout the park; issues with vandalism came up. Also discussed putting brochures containing historical information by the kiosk as well. Heinzman will stop in at the museum and see if this is something some of the volunteers would like to work on.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Motion by Heinzman, support by Schneider to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.

Kim Biegalle, Secretary