



**MINUTES**  
**Newaygo Community Recreation Authority**  
Newaygo County, Michigan  
**January 14, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM at the Welcome Center, located at 4684 Evergreen Dr., Newaygo, MI 49337 by Chairperson Jennifer Badgero.

Present: Erik Larsen (Garfield Twp), Duane duChemin (Croton Twp) (arrived at 8:25 am), Ron Welton (County Park's Dept.), Jennifer Badgero (Brooks Twp), Kim Goodin (Brooks Twp), Jon Schneider (City of Newaygo)

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

**MINUTES**

Motion by Larsen, support by Goodin to approve meeting minutes from 11/12/15. AIF/MC

**FINANCIALS**

Motion by Larsen, support by Badgero to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. AIF/MC Not much to report on the financials. Schneider noted that there is still money that needs to come in from the sports organizations. Under the expenditures a lot of the one-time payments (i.e. audit, insurance) has been paid out. Repairs and maintenance line is high due to the work of Shoreline Landscraping which will continue in the spring (fertilizing, weed killer, seeding). The budget is currently at 50% which is right where it is suppose to be at this point in the fiscal year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Schneider noted that they should continue to work with Grewe's on the soccer fields come spring with regards to the water hammering. He mentioned the possibility of having to look at VFD's (Variable Frequency Drives) at a cost of approximately \$5,000 to prevent the valves from continuing to break but wants to look at all options first. Maintenance of the soccer fields will begin again once spring hits.

duChemin stated that the baseball fields have been winterized and he is in possession of the valves.

Kim Goodin stated that she has re-registered NCRA on the MIREC Grants. She is also going to an informational meeting on this on January 21<sup>st</sup> in Kent County. Goodin stated that she will e-mail the board with questions she has on the current recreation plan and asked for the other board members to e-mail her their updates/changes they currently see. Goodin stated that there will need to be a lot of input and possible updating regarding the "Action Plan" portion of the plan. Larsen was asked to check with the Garfield Township board to see if they have anything they want to add to the rec plan and duChemin was asked to do the same with Croton Township.

Regarding the Marshall Memorial Park trail way; Welton stated that he has calls into Deb Ditlow but hasn't received any back at this time; he will continue to try and contact her. Schneider informed the board that the City purchased some signage to place at the trail entrances at Marshall Park to mark the trail heads/entry points.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Badgero will look into the timeline for the DNR grant. The board discussed the fact that NCRA was denied before due to not being ADA compliant and this may hinder this board from applying again and not be feasible at this time.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Welton mentioned that in Middleville, under a picnic shelter, they took out the picnic tables and placed silicone sheets down on the cement floor to "ice skate" on. Schneider asked Welton to get more information and costs. Welton stated that kids were using the sledding hill.

Motion by Badgero, support by Larsen to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.

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Kim Biegalle, Secretary

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