

MINUTES
Newaygo Community Recreation Authority
Newaygo County, Michigan
March 12, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:58 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), Ron Welton (County Park's Dept.), Erik Larsen (Garfield Twp), Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo), Duane duChemin (Croton Twp), Kim Goodin (Brooks Twp), Morgan Heinzman (Croton Twp)

Absent: Nancy Kinniburgh (Garfield Twp)

MINUTES

Motion by Parsley, support by Larsen to approve meeting minutes from 01/08/15. AIF/MC

FINANCIALS

Motion by Badgero, support by Heinzman to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. AIF/MC
Schneider noted not much to report just waiting on sports organizations revenue to come in. Expenditures are good and the \$6,900 balance left for the budget year will be used for the soccer field improvement costs (fertilizer, Sol-Pol-Mag, weed killer, compost).

OLD BUSINESS

Schneider reiterated the items left to do this year to the soccer fields under the financial report, he also stated that the well is done (400 – 500' deep) and just waiting on the electric and the control panel but stated that it would be completed early spring. Schneider stated that the fields would need fertilizer and weed killer then and is hoping that the compost will get down; it was unable to be put down in the fall as planned. The electric bill will increase due to the well but the water will be significantly reduced.

duChemin stated that he has no issues or needs regarding the baseball fields at this time. He did ask Welton about the possibility of putting in some kind of drain tile by the first baseline at the field down at Henning to alleviate some of the puddling there and divert it elsewhere. duChemin stated that little league may be able to help with some of the costs to do so. He and Heinzman will take a better look and see what they can come up with and talk with Ron Wight from the City's DPW for any other thoughts or ideas.

Schneider will discuss the tennis court under the new budget item under "New Business".

Badgero will look into the trail markers and get information when the snow melts.

NEW BUSINESS

The recreation plan is due to be updated; expiration is 12/31/16. Board discussed options on who to hire to help with the plan. Schneider has already contacted Harry Burkholder at LIAA and requested a quote; Heinzman suggested Kurt Giberson (former Brooks Township supervisor) to get a quote from; he is local and could be more cost effective for NCRA. Badgero will contact Giberson for a quote to bring to the April board meeting.

Schneider presented the draft 2015-2016 NCRA budget to the board. There are notes at the bottom which explain some of the asterisk items in the revenue/expense sections. Schneider stated the budget is similar to last year with an increase in Croton Township's revenue as Heinzman stated he would try to get Croton to pay more to go towards a new mower for the fields. The expenditures have some changes. Other services and charges line item has increased due to NCRA putting a contribution in for a possible pavilion at Henning Park. This pavilion will be done by the Prevention of Child Abuse Agency and they currently have applied for a grants with other organizations. The contracted services line is up also due to the fact that the recreation plan needs to start to be updated; maybe half the costs out of this budget year and the other half out of next budget year. The electricity line is also increased due to the running of the new well pump but the water/sewer expenditure line has decreased significantly. The repair and maintenance line will always be large due to the maintenance costs of the soccer fields each year. Heinzman stated that the Croton Township revenue line should only be increased by \$1,500 and this is earmarked to go towards the purchase of a new mower; if no mower is purchased, no \$1,500. That is what his board agreed to and not having their contribution doubled. Other than that change the board felt the budget looked good. Welton wanted to make sure that tennis court repairs are to be done after the July 2015 budget starts. Motion by Badgero, support by Heinzman to approve the 2015-2016 budget with changes. AIF/MC

Schneider will get a revised copy to all jurisdictions to take to their respective boards for approval; boards need to approve just the total lines for revenues and expenditures.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Heinzman stated that the opening the ice rink to hockey was a good move; was used extensively this year. He stated the hockey kids did a good job taking care of the rink. Next year he would like a key to the basement in the warming house to be able to turn the water on for the rink. He also stated that Croton Township Board may look into purchasing a mechanical broom for the ice rink but costs approximately \$4,000. Croton is also looking at the possibility of an ice rink in Croton. Heinzman would like to see some lights put in on the back side of the ice rink and possibly on a timer as well.

duChemin asked when the little league lease agreement was up; will get him that information.

Motion by Heinzman, support by Larsen to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 am.

Kim Biegalle, Secretary