



## **MINUTES**

### **Newaygo Community Recreation Authority**

Newaygo County, Michigan  
**May 12, 2016**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 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), Jennifer Badgero (Brooks Twp), Jon Schneider (City of Newaygo), Nancy Kinniburgh (Garfield Twp), Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo), Ron Welton (County Park's Dept.), Kim Goodin (Brooks Twp)

Absent: Morgan Heinzman (Croton Twp)

#### **MINUTES**

Motion by Larsen, support by Goodin to approve meeting minutes from 04/14/16. AIF/MC

#### **FINANCIALS**

Motion by Larsen, support by Parsley to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. AIF/MC AYSO sent a check for \$1,500; Badgero will ask them about an additional check of \$1,500. Schneider stated that the expenses are better than expected due to some line items not having any expenses yet. Biggest expense was the \$11,000 out of repairs and maintenance for the tennis courts as well as soccer field work by Shoreline Landscaping.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Schneider stated that Shoreline Landscaping is starting to work on the bottom field. Grewe's should be turning the irrigation on, if it isn't on already. Schneider stated that in the new budget NCRA has \$6,000 budgeted in capital outlay to purchase VFD's to prevent valve / head damage when the well turns on. Board members suggested scheduling a contractor to install the VFD's as soon as July 1 when the new budget starts.

duChemin stated that the baseball league received a letter from the VFW stating that after the 2016 season they will not be allowed to use that field any longer; the VFW is trying to sell the property. Goodin mentioned that Matthew Boynton, who owns property adjacent to the Centerline fields, has some concerns with dumping and people trespassing on his property. She explained to Boynton that NCRA has little to no control and he should post signs and call the police department when he sees these types of activities. Goodin did broach the subject with Boynton on the possibility of him donating property to the little league for more fields. Goodin is going to try and put duChemin and Boynton in touch with each other to discuss. duChemin is still going to try and get in touch with Suchy from Garfield Township about baseball field property as well.

Goodin apologized for not getting the survey out to the board; she has 57 responses so far and extended the survey out to the first part of June. She went over some of the survey results she has obtained so far. Most who responded utilize the Riverfront Parks, Marshall Park and the baseball fields the most. Walking paths, bike paths and more sports fields were what surveyors would like to see more of. Lots of positive comments. She will be making changes to the current plan, the board will go over those changes at the June meeting. Then the "draft" copy will need to be made available at all the municipalities in both hard copy form and on websites. Public hearing will be moved from July to August to give more time to compile survey results and update the changes in the current master plan. Need to decide on what to do with the maps, hire LIAA to update? Do they need updating? Add a map of potential bike/walking trails? Goodin will check with the person she has been in contact from the DNR to ask these types of questions. Goodin is also going to modify/amend the current survey and add a few more questions. She will then send the link to the board, which then needs to disseminate it throughout their boards, put on websites and/or Facebook. Goals and objectives also need to be updated within the plan.

Regarding the Marshall Memorial Park trail way; Kinniburgh is going to talk to Joyce Carpenter about the history at the park. Kinniburgh stated that the museum volunteers might be a good source to put some pictures and history together to put in the kiosk at Marshall Park. Schneider mentioned that the Sheriff's Department donated some

inmates to clean up the park and put down the mulch. The Marshall Park vigil will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the park.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Schneider, support by Goodin to approve the three year lease agreement with the Newaygo Little League.  
AIF/MC

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Motion by Schneider, support by Larsen to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 am.

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Kim Biegalle, Secretary