



MINUTES
Newaygo Community Recreation Authority
Newaygo County, Michigan
June 9, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 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), Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo), Kim Goodin (Brooks Twp), Morgan Heinzman (Croton Twp)

Absent: Ron Welton (County Park's Dept.), Nancy Kinniburgh (Garfield Twp)

MINUTES

Motion by Larsen, support by Goodin to approve meeting minutes from 05/12/16. AIF/MC

FINANCIALS

Motion by Heinzman, support by Larsen to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. AIF/MC
Schneider asked if AYSO had a contribution this month. Welton is no longer with the County so the board spoke briefly with Kasey Ostyn, who was in the building, and explained that rental fees from Graves Lodge go to NCRA and that the County bills NCRA for electric and propane for the lodge and does that quarterly. She appreciated the information and will be sure to pass it on; she was also informed when NCRA meetings take place.

OLD BUSINESS

Schneider stated that Shoreline Landscaping has put down one application of fertilizer and weed control so far. Been working on getting sprinkler's on the fields up and running and so far all are with exception of maybe few on the lower field. Schneider also informed the board that he went ahead and had some VFD's installed because of a lower cost, \$2,700 versus \$6,000. This will prevent more sprinkler value / pipe damage when the well turns on. Cost will come out of the current budget instead of next year's due to the significant cost savings to have it done now. Currently there is money in the budget that has not been used at this time.

duChemin stated that has spoken with George Suchy, Jr, Garfield Township Supervisor, regarding the possibility of putting some baseball fields out by the Garfield Township Hall. Suchy was amendable to putting two fields out at the township property; duChemin may start looking at getting some excavation bids to clear the property.

Goodin stated that everyone had received the survey information. She has gone through the plan and highlighted what she believes needs to be addressed yet and will call or e-mail everyone individually to wrap that up. She went over some action plan items; some will need to be removed because they are completed and others need updated. The board had a lot of discussion of potential areas for walking and bike paths as those were the top items surveyors wanted to see more of. Most of the surveyors wanted to see off road trails. Heinzman mentioned the possibility of a Blue Trail (river trail) that would follow the Muskegon River. These types of projects get 30 to 40 points on a DNR grant. NCRA could get assistance from Ryan Coffey, MSU Extension Office, on possible maps if NCRA pursues. Board members mentioned such things as putting trails around Hess Lake, more sidewalks in the City, connecting sidewalks/paths from the City to Henning, etc.

Kinniburgh was not present at the meeting to update any more with the Marshall Memorial Park trail.

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Motion by Heinzman, support by Larsen to adjourn at 8:59 am.

Kim Biegalle, Secretary

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