



MINUTES
Newaygo Community Recreation Authority
Newaygo County, Michigan
March 14, 2019

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 Chair Jennifer Badgero.

Present: Jon Schneider (City of Newaygo), Erik Larsen (Garfield Twp), Duane duChemin (Croton Twp), Jennifer Badgero (Brooks Township), Morgan Heinzman (Croton Twp),

Absent: Nancy Kinniburgh (Garfield Twp), Kim Goodin (Brooks Twp), Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo), Nick Smith (County Rep)

MINUTES

Motion by Larsen, second by Heinzman to approve meeting minutes from 01/10/19. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tabitha Lathrop from the newly formed organization, ASA Youth Softball, was present and explained their organization is looking to adopt softball at a younger age, girls under the age of 8 on up. Her organization is looking for field access for practices and games. Their organization's practice/play times coincide with Little League's and seasons are the same. Girls will either have to chose Little League or their organization to play. With their organization the girls start two years earlier. There was discussion from the board regarding the fact that Little League has a signed lease with NCRA, pays a yearly fee and takes care of the maintenance. Lathrop stated her organization would do the same. duChemin expressed that the fields are already at full capacity with Little League as it is. Badgero agreed. Heinzman mentioned the possibility of use of Croton fields but stated that Lathrop and duChemin should get together to see if there is any room on the schedule.

FINANCIALS

Motion by Larsen, second by Badgero to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. Schneider had stated that budget was on target. Waiting on both soccer and baseball revenues to come in.

RESERVED TIME

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Heinzman, support by Larsen to go with TruGreen for the fertilizer/maintenance of the soccer fields for the upcoming season. There were actually two companies who submitted cost estimates but the cost savings was significantly lower with TruGreen. A representative from TruGreen was present to answer questions and stand by their service. If there are issues, they will fix and take soil samples if necessary, to make sure the fields look good.

duChemin asked the TruGreen representative to give quotes on the baseball fields at Centerline and Henning Park. He will get Nick Smith to discuss possibly tiling around field at Henning to relieve some of the water issue and would like to see something, such as crushed concrete, put down under the benches at Henning to alleviate the water and puddles under the benches. Discussed turning the sprinklers on and it was decided that duChemin will need to contact the DPW a week ahead of time to schedule them to be turned on.

Heinzman suggested that Schneider and duChemin work out the minor changes on the Little League Lease Agreement and bring it back to the May meeting.

Goodin was not at the meeting to update on the Recreation Plan.

Heinzman had nothing on the written guidelines at this time.

Smith was not at the meeting to discuss the Disc (Frisbee) golf.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Heinzman, second by Larsen to allow Smith to purchase folding chairs and a cart not-to-exceed \$2,000.
AIF/MC

Smith was not present to discuss and ask questions regarding the portable restroom at the trail head and sledding park so will put on the next agenda.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Motion by Heinzman, support by Larsen to adjourn at 9:56 am.

Kim Biegalle, Secretary