



## MINUTES

### Newaygo Community Recreation Authority Meeting

### January 14, 2021

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am by Chair Jennifer Badgero. The meeting was held at Newaygo City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337 and via teleconference due to the MDHHS COVID-19 Emergency Order.

Present at City Hall: Jon Schneider (City of Newaygo), Nick Smith (County Rep) Jennifer Badgero (Brooks Twp), Kim Goodin (Brooks Twp), Duane duChemin (Croton Twp)

Present via teleconference: None

Absent: Morgan Heinzman (Croton Twp), Erik Larsen (Garfield Twp), Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo), Greg Brooks (Garfield Twp)

Also Present: Mark Pitzer (Newaygo County Parks & Recreation Board Member), Steve Hatting (Newaygo County Parks & Recreation Board Member)

#### MINUTES

Motion by Schneider, second by Smith to approve meeting minutes from 11/12/2020. AIF/MC

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### FINANCIALS

Motion by Smith, second by Badgero to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. AIF/MC Schneider stated that NCRA had paid \$15,000 to Good Neighbor Fencing for Pickleball Courts and remaining funds for the Pickleball Courts would be expensed through TIFA. Pitzer stated that the Newaygo County Parks Board had approved installing 1 ADA parking spot at the Pickleball Courts.

#### RESERVED TIME

#### OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Goodin, second by Smith to reappoint Badgero as NCRA Chair and Schneider as NCRA Vice-Chair. AIF/MC

Smith stated that the Disc Golf Course design was adjusted slightly and that the County was working on a Forestry Management Plan hoping to reduce the cost of Forestry work needed at the end of the project. Smith said that a contract to utilize Mark Janke Consulting Forester, LLC was at the County Administrator's Office being reviewed. He said that the main concern is related to cutting at the right time of year and he hopes that some cutting can be done this winter. Schneider stated that the City would be applying for a MEDC Patronicity Grant and working on sponsorships to assist with remaining funding for the Disc Golf Course.

Pitzer gave an update on Pickleball Courts stating that the fencing was complete and resurfacing will occur in the spring. He said they are exploring options of a small bridge walkway over the ditch allowing safe access to the Pickleball Courts.

duChemin discussed quotes from TruGreen and Comstock Turf for fertilizer/herbicide and weed control at Centerline Baseball Fields. He said that TruGreen has done good work, but has a few concerns with work not being completed at time of invoice. duChemin stated that with TruGreen he works with salesman and not the actual technician, but with Comstock Turf he will work with actual technician taking care of the fields.

Motion by Schneider, second by Smith to approve Comstock Turf quote of \$1,520.00 for fertilizer/herbicide and weed control at Centerline Baseball Fields. AIF/MC

duChemin gave an update on Henning Park Baseball Fields stating that drainage looks good, Comstock Turf did a great job with the diamond construction and that the fencing is being worked on. He stated that the fencing will be completed in 4 phases and hope to have it completed by mid-to-late April, but all contingent on the weather. Board discussed possible gate location in outfield to allow for those playing disc golf to obtain their discs should they go over the fence. duChemin said that the County assisted with the drainage, tree removal and would be putting money towards the benches. Hatting stated that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between

NCRA and the County was outdated and should be updated. Smith will work to schedule a subcommittee meeting to work on an updated MOU. Board discussed the possible need of policies/guidelines and signage related to field usage and reservations.

Board discussed soccer fields and the potential need for policies/guidelines related to usage and reservations. Board discussed the need for someone from soccer to play a role in communication with the fields. Board discussed quotes from TruGreen for fertilization, weed control and aeration. duChemin to ask Comstock Turf if they are interested in providing a quote for the soccer fields.

Goodin stated that she would be attending a DNR webinar relating to Recreation Plan and Grants on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Board discussed options going forward and will discuss in more detail at the March NCRA Meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Motion by Goodin, second by Schneider to adjourn at 9:44 am. AIF/MC

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Kim Goodin, Secretary