



## MINUTES

### Newaygo Community Recreation Authority Meeting

### January 13, 2022

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 am by Vice-Chair Jon Schneider. The meeting was held at Newaygo City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Present: Jon Schneider (City of Newaygo), Kim Goodin (Brooks Twp), Duane duChemin (Croton Twp), Erik Larsen (Garfield Twp), Greg Brooks (Garfield Twp), Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo), Nick Smith (County Rep)

Absent: Morgan Heinzman (Croton Twp), Jennifer Badgero (Brooks Twp)

#### MINUTES

Motion by Larsen, second by Parsley to approve meeting minutes from 09/09/2021. AIF/MC

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### FINANCIALS

Motion by Smith, second by Larsen to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. AIF/MC Smith stated that they are receiving a lot of reservations for Graves Lodge so rental fees should be increasing.

#### RESERVED TIME

#### BUSINESS

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

Motion by Goodin, second by Parsley to approve Resolution N22-01 setting the regular meeting dates of the Newaygo Community Recreation Authority Board for the 2022 year. AIF/MC

Smith gave an update on the Disc Golf Course and Forestry Management Plan and stated that a few holes may need to be adjusted due to information discovered about a cultural sensitive area. He said that an RFP for the Forestry Work will be sent out in the near future and hopes they can get started this summer or fall. Smith said that he is working on the marketing aspects of the Disc Golf Course with the County Parks and Recreation and the County Tourism Council. Schneider said that he would assist with the course sign for the Disc Golf Course.

Smith stated that the Pickleball Group installed covers on the Pickleball nets that they had custom made. He said that the County Parks will be installing a handicap parking spot at the Pickleball courts this year. Schneider and Board discussed height of fence and possibility of trimming tree line around courts to help eliminate debris on the courts.

duChemin gave an update on Henning Park Baseball/Softball fields and stated that some of the material prices have doubled and that labor prices have also increased stating that the remaining fencing that was needed had increased in cost. He said that the project will be short funds and they will probably have to hold off on ordering bleachers. Smith said he will reach out to a contact he has to see if his school group is interested in making bleachers.

duChemin said that Centerline Fields looked good this past season and does not think the fields need to be aerated. Schneider discussed options being explored for waterlines at Centerline Fields to avoid future leaks.

Board discussed soccer fields and said there may be sprinklers that need to be repaired and that the sprinkling zones are not working properly. Board discussed obtaining bids from vendors for maintenance of the sprinkling systems at the soccer and baseball fields. They discussed passing cost of damage to sprinklers on to sport groups in future contracts. Schneider said that he will work on scope of service for sprinkler maintenance to put out for bid. Brooks said that he would be willing to inspect soccer sprinklers periodically during their seasons.

duChemin stated that Fertilizing and Vegetation Control went really well with Comstock Turf this past year. He said they noticed a positive difference at Centerline Fields with a different fertilizer that Comstock Turf had used and said that they always knew when work was completed at the fields. duChemin will contact Comstock Turf for

quotes for the 2022 year at the baseball and soccer fields. Goodin stated that they had received quotes from TruGreen and they will bring both quotes to the March meeting. duChemin discussed updated NCRA Field use Policy that was included in packets. Board discussed: field scheduling, field use policy and rules, field applications and field signage. Consensus of board was that no applications for tournaments at Henning Park should be accepted this year. Smith said that nothing should be scheduled at Henning Park Fields after Labor Day this year due to Forestry Management work that will be done for Disc Golf Course. duChemin and Goodin will work on Field use Policy and Rules and Field use Application forms and bring to the March meeting. duChemin and Goodin will be initial contacts for Field use Applications this year to see how everything goes at the Henning fields and reassess next year. Motion by Parsley, second by Goodin to approve the 2022-2026 NCRA Recreation Plan making one change on page 34. AIF/MC

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Motion by Parsley, second by Goodin to adjourn at 9:25 am. AIF/MC

  
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Kim Goodin, Secretary