



## MINUTES

### Newaygo Community Recreation Authority Meeting

### July 14, 2022

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 am by Chair Jennifer Badgero. The meeting was held at Newaygo City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Present: Jon Schneider (City of Newaygo), Jennifer Badgero (Brooks Twp), 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)

#### MINUTES

Motion by Smith, second by Schneider to approve meeting minutes from 05/12/2022. 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 revenues and expenses are right where they should be, but we are still waiting on some invoices related to sprinkling and well issues at the soccer fields.

#### RESERVED TIME

#### BUSINESS

Schneider stated that the soccer fields had gotten very dry with no rain and sprinkler issues, but were looking better. He gave an update on the well and sprinkler system at the soccer fields and discussed recent problems related to: well VFD, sprinkler controllers, sprinkler heads, and sprinkler valves. Schneider said that the sprinkler valves are leaking and money will probably need to start going towards replacement valves over time. Schneider stated that Double L is waiting on a new controller to come in, but has the current controller configured so the sprinkler system will work. Schneider said that NCRA has not received any invoices from Double L yet, so he is unsure of costs that have occurred thus far. Board discussed mowing at the soccer fields and stated that sprinkler heads are occasionally getting sheared and that the grass should never be cut lower than 3 inches in length. Schneider said that the last fertilizer done at the soccer fields did not get broadcast properly and Comstock Turf was notified and gave a \$150 credit. Zach Williams, AYSO Treasurer, was present and stated that the fall soccer season starts on August 29<sup>th</sup> and he will relay soccer field information.

duChemin said that overall the baseball fields look good at Centerline and Henning. He said that the East dugouts at Henning Field are currently being finished.

Smith said that the County Parks & Recreation had to update their recreation plan and the DNR requires a full ADA Assessment be completed. He gave an update on ADA parking spot and ADA projects that the County would be completing at the Pickleball Courts. Smith said that an accessible path to the baseball fields and spectator areas will be required and he hopes funds may be available from the baseball project or NCRA to assist with the accessible path. He gave an update on the Forestry Management Plan that should be completed this fall and hopes that the remaining Disc Golf Course holes can be completed in the spring of 2023.

Schneider stated that a new email for NCRA had been created ([ncra@newaygocity.org](mailto:ncra@newaygocity.org)) and that the NCRA Secretary would monitor the email.

The AYSO Agreement with NCRA expires on January 9, 2023. The NCRA Board and AYSO will review the current agreement and discuss at the September NCRA meeting.

Motion by Schneider, second by Parsley to update cancelation policy for Graves Lodge. Cancelation Policy will be: if cancelation occurs 30 days or more prior to reservation date, 50% will be refunded and if cancelation occurs less than 30 days prior to reservation date, no refund will be issued. Yeas: 7 Nays: None Abstain: 1 Absent: 1 Smith will update current application form to reflect new cancelation and refund policy.

Motion by Smith, second by Schneider to approve rental rate increase at Graves Lodge for residents that live outside of Newaygo County. Rental rates will be double the rate for residents that live outside of Newaygo County. AIF/MC Smith stated that they are getting a lot of reservation requests for Graves Lodge from people outside of Newaygo County.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Smith said he is getting bids for Pest Control at Graves Lodge and will bring quotes to a future NCRA Meeting for approval. He gave an update on the Dragon Trail and discussed grants available through the DNR.

Schneider said that the Skate Park is in need of TLC and that it has been challenging to find a contractor willing to work on the skate ramps. He said that Gus Macker is being held at Newaygo Middle School on July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and said that the Canoe Nationals will be held in Newaygo on August 11<sup>th</sup>-August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 am.

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Kim Goodin, Secretary