



MINUTES
Newaygo Community Recreation Authority
Newaygo County, Michigan
August 11, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 AM at the Welcome Center, located at 4684 Evergreen Dr., Newaygo, MI 49337 by Vice-Chairperson Jon Schneider.

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

Absent: Nancy Kinniburgh (Garfield Twp), Vacancy for the County Position

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Motion by Heinzman, support by Schneider to approve meeting minutes from 07/14/16. AIF/MC

FINANCIALS

Motion by Heinzman, support by Goodin to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. AIF/MC Schneider explained some of the expenses under the accounts payable. He mentioned the savings on the VFD's, that Shoreline Landscaping bill was slightly larger due to seeding costs, Grewe's had some heads to fix and the Consumer's bill is high due to all the watering, been pretty dry this summer. Biegalle stated that Shoreline seeded and actually overseeded at no additional charge to NCRA.

RESERVED TIME

Motion by Heinzman, support by Schneider at 8:10 am to open public hearing to discuss and take comments on the NCRA draft Parks and Recreation Plan (2017 – 2021). AIF/MC Ralph Green, Croton Township Trustee, was present to discuss the Edge Pathway project (he's the Chairman), gave some history of the project and came to talk about working jointly together. He is looking for a representative from Brooks Township to sit on their committee. He invited the board members of NCRA to the Pathway meetings. NCRA and Pathway Committee have similar goals and should work together towards those goals and to leverage funds for projects. Badgero would like to go to their meetings but their day and time don't work for her, Green will look into the possibility of changing that and let her know. Heinzman stated that currently the Pathway Committee has no source of funding and that's where NCRA could be a partner. Heinzman stated that a millage might be the only way to leverage funds to put towards not just pathways but used for soccer and baseball as well. Schneider added that the City continues to put in sidewalks, currently putting in sidewalks on Division Street, so that when the townships create paths to the City they can join up with the City's sidewalk system. Motion by Heinzman, support by Larson to close public hearing at 8:33 am. AIF/MC

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding the soccer fields, discussed during the financials portion.

duChemin stated he and Heinzman are looking at utilizing Conklin Park for next year's baseball season. duChemin stated he would continue to be in contact with Suchy from Garfield Township regarding their possible property for baseball but duChemin stated that the property needs a lot of excavating work done yet.

Goodin will update the Rec Plan and make sure there is good information regarding the Edge Pathway's and a possible millage option in the plan. She is also going to be working with Ryan Coffey on the maps. After the document is finalized and the board looks it over at the September meeting; all municipalities need to take it to their respective boards and get approval in October. Heinzman also asked Goodin to check with Coffey on the Blue Trail maps and remind him that he is supposed to work on that.

NEW BUSINESS

There were two e-mails sent to City Hall regarding BMX bikes not being allowed on the Skate Park. It was brought to this board to discuss and take comments. Schneider explained that the City's skate park is not made like the parks at Grant and Fremont, their parks are built with steel frames with wood ramp surface, the City's is built

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with wood frames and plastic ramp surfaces. The City, over the years, has had to reinforce the structure underneath. It was built for skateboards because these are not allowed on City streets or downtown sidewalks; this is a place for this specific use. Bikes have the roads. Heinzman stated that the park gets a lot of use for what it was built for, skateboards. The skateboarders got together and organized meetings and approached the City and helped make this project come to fruition. Heinzman stated the bikers can do the same thing; organize a group and come talk to NCRA. He mentioned the City dump grounds and possibly looking at putting up dirt mounds there for the bikers to use. Goodin will also mention this in the Rec Plan to cover this possibility over the next five years.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Biegalle mentioned that NCRA just received a dividend check from the insurance company in the amount of \$278.00.

Motion by Badgero, support by Heinzman to adjourn at 8:52 am.

Kim Biegalle, Secretary