



MINUTES
Newaygo Community Recreation Authority Meeting
Newaygo County, Michigan
March 12, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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), Jennifer Badgero (Brooks Township), Kim Goodin (Brooks Township), Nick Smith (County Rep), Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo), Greg Brooks (Garfield Twp)

Absent: Morgan Heinzman (Croton Twp), Duane duChemin (Croton Twp)

Others Present: Mark Pitzer, Newaygo Pickleball Club, Brad Dejohn, Newaygo Youth Softball

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Motion by Smith, second by Badgero to approve meeting minutes from 01/09/2020. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENT

FINANCIALS

Motion by Badgero, second by Larsen to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. AIF/MC
Schneider stated that the budget was on target.

RESERVED TIME

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Pitzer, representing Newaygo Pickleball Club, gave an update on the Newaygo Pickleball Club and said they would like to partner with NCRA on upgrading the Tennis/Pickleball Courts at Henning Park. He gave an update on new Pickleball courts in Fremont and stated that Newaygo Pickleball currently has 112 members and they would like to utilize courts at Henning Park, but the courts need work. Pitzer discussed list of items that would be ideal to complete at Henning Courts including: resurfacing, tree root cutting/trenching, drain pipe to keep balls from crossing courts, fencing, bathrooms, locked shed to be located at courts, and parking area, but stated that resurfacing courts is critical. He recommended placing 2 permanent Pickleball nets on court furthest from the road and having dual lines on court closest to road to utilize for tennis and Pickleball. Pitzer said that Newaygo Pickleball Club would love the opportunity to host a Pickleball Tournament during the Labor Day Festival to raise funds for the courts. Schneider stated that the courts are in bad shape and need to be resurfaced. He said that NCRA could look at costs for resurfacing the courts, drain pipe cost, and net costs. Schneider stated that representative(s) from the Pickleball Club would need to get multiple quotes for resurfacing and bring back to NCRA. Smith stated that park would love to have group come back and is willing to help with tree roots and possibly smaller items.

Brad Dejohn, representing Newaygo Youth Softball, stated that they have no concerns with lease agreement, but concerned when field would be available for use. He discussed quotes submitted to Heinzman related to new field costs. Dejohn and board discussed ditching needs around the fields at Henning Park and that these costs would need to be incorporated into proposals for new fields. Dejohn stated that he would contact the drain commission to discuss necessary steps needed for drainage at Henning fields. Dejohn said that Newaygo Youth Softball was going to hold off on lease agreement for usage of field at this time.

Motion by Badgero, second by Schneider to approve TruGreen to do fertilizer/maintenance at baseball fields as long as cost is no more than a 10% increase from last year's cost. AIF/MC

Board discussed mower quotes submitted by duChemin. Currently there is 1 mower shared between AYSO and Little League. AYSO and Little League take turns storing the mower and each organization is responsible to pick up and transport the mower to maintain their fields as necessary. Board discussed mower quotes, mower brands and quality. Board felt a second mower was a good idea and discussed utilizing fund balance dollars next fiscal year for up to \$8,000 towards a mower and up to \$15,000 towards Tennis/Pickleball courts.

OLD BUSINESS

Schneider stated that the City of Newaygo had received a Tree Grant and discussed the possibility of placing some trees at the soccer field, but would need to be careful of location due to tree roots. Schneider and Goodin discussed conversation with Heinzman about a possible lease between NCRA and Newaygo Public Schools for vacant land at old Vera Wilsie school location. Heinzman had told Schneider and Goodin that a soccer organization had approached the school about utilizing the land for soccer practice stating they would maintain the land. Board discussed and stated they would need more details and were not inclined to take on additional maintenance or costs.

Goodin stated that NCRA Recreation Plan has to go through new process and new requirements before could be approved. Waiting for DNR Grant Coordinator to review our current plan and make suggestions before we begin process.

Schneider stated that he had submitted a pitch grant to Consumers Energy for disc golf course, but did not receive grant. He stated that need design and cost estimates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Smith gave an update on the Dragon Trail.

Motion by Goodin, second by Larsen to adjourn at 9:40 am.

Kim Goodin, Secretary