



## MINUTES

### Newaygo Community Recreation Authority Meeting

### July 8, 2021

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 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), Nick Smith (County Rep) Jennifer Badgero (Brooks Twp), Kim Goodin (Brooks Twp), Duane duChemin (Croton Twp), Erik Larsen (Garfield Twp), Greg Brooks (Garfield Twp)

Absent: Morgan Heinzman (Croton Twp), Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo)

#### MINUTES

Motion by Larsen, second by Badgero to approve meeting minutes from 05/13/2021. AIF/MC

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### FINANCIALS

Motion by Smith, second by Goodin to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. AIF/MC

#### RESERVED TIME

#### BUSINESS

Smith said that the City and County met with designers yesterday and installed anchor posts and stated that baskets and signs would be installed in a few weeks. He thanked Beaver Tree Service for their great pricing on tree removal and said that Beaver Tree Service is excited for the Disc Golf Course and wants to make sure that the project gets completed.

Smith stated that there were a few concerns with the new Pickleball Courts and Racquet Sports is in the process of finishing the courts and taking care of the concerns. Goodin said that dependent on the weather the courts may be completed this week and ready for play next week. She said that the fence still needs to be lowered and that Mark Pitzer will work with fencing contractor to make sure this is completed.

duChemin stated that Centerline Fields are in good shape. He said that they may have to get a new contractor to complete the dugouts at the new fields at Henning Park. duChemin stated that the East field at Henning Park may be ready to utilize in the fall, but he will work with Comstock Turf over the summer to determine if it will be ready or if they should wait until 2022 to utilize the field.

Board discussed soccer fields and Schneider stated that Grewe's Outdoor Services had recently repaired a number of sprinkler heads at the soccer fields. Board discussed adjusting the mower deck, on the mower at the soccer fields, so it would be set at a consistent height at all times not allowing for the grass to be cut too short. duChemin will communicate with repair shop for the next time the lawnmower is in for maintenance.

Smith stated that he and Schneider discussed changes to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Newaygo County Parks and Recreation Commission and Newaygo Community Recreation Authority and that he will be modifying the MOU. Smith said that organizations wishing to utilize Henning Park facilities will need to submit their schedules to the County each year by March 15<sup>th</sup> and he will include this language in the MOU.

duChemin said that he will continue to work on the field use policy over the fall and winter to have in place by the spring of 2022. Schneider stated that the City will develop an email address that can be put on signs should someone be interested in utilizing the ball fields at Henning Park and Centerline. The board discussed wording to be displayed on signs and the location of signs.

Board discussed current agreements in place with Newaygo Little League and AYSO and consensus of the board was to make necessary changes and additions, which were discussed, to the agreements when they expire. Board discussed whether an agreement with the Pickleball Club was needed and the consensus of the board was to develop an agreement with the Pickleball Club allowing them the opportunity for exclusive use times to be reserved at the Pickleball Courts. Goodin will work on a draft agreement.

Goodin gave an update on the Recreation Plan and said that she is about half way through the current plan. She will email suggested changes prior to the next NCRA Meeting in September.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Smith gave an update on the Dragon Trail.

Motion by Badgero, second by Schneider to adjourn at 8:45 am. AIF/MC

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Kim Goodin, Secretary