



MINUTES
Newaygo Community Recreation Authority
Newaygo County, Michigan
May 9, 2019

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), Duane duChemin (Croton Twp), Jennifer Badgero (Brooks Township), Morgan Heinzman (Croton Twp), Kim Goodin (Brooks Township), Nick Smith (County Rep) arrived at 8:12 a.m., Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo)

Absent: Nancy Kinniburgh (Garfield Twp)

MINUTES

Motion by Parsley, second by Larsen to approve meeting minutes from 03/14/19. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tabitha Lathrop from the newly formed organization, ASA Newaygo Youth Softball, was present and wanted an update from March meeting regarding baseball field usage and availability. Lathrop gave an update on age groups and number of teams that Newaygo Youth Softball has for 2019 season. Board asked Lathrop if all girls were in Newaygo School District and she stated although ASA allows teams to be across districts that Newaygo Youth Softball is limiting girls to only Newaygo School District. She stated they would like to partner with NCRA in the future. Various NCRA Board Members discussed current lease agreement between NCRA and Newaygo Little League, Centerline Fields being built for Newaygo Little League and shortage of fields. Board and Lathrop discussed Henning Park East Baseball Field and potential to fix field up for practices and games. Board stated that Newaygo Youth Softball would need to work with Nick, County Parks Director, have insurance listing County on insurance agreement and would need a license agreement with NCRA. Schneider will work on “draft” license agreement.

Susie Rodriguez, representing Senator Bumstead, introduced herself and stated she has been attending meetings throughout the county.

FINANCIALS

Motion by Heinzman second by Larsen to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. AIF/MC Schneider discussed house at Skate Park and said it is in need of work.

RESERVED TIME

OLD BUSINESS

Larsen stated that overall soccer fields look good. Schneider reached out to Grewe’s Irrigation to check sprinklers at soccer fields.

duChemin stated he will work with Grewe’s Irrigation and City of Newaygo Department of Public Works on sprinklers and water at the Centerline Baseball Fields.

Motion by Heinzman, second by Smith to approve Little League Lease Agreement with NCRA amending Premises section adding “except Licensee shall not have exclusive use of Henning Park East Field.” AIF/MC

Motion by Parsley, second by Heinzman to approve quotes from Tru-Green for vegetation control at Centerline Baseball Fields and West Baseball Field at Henning Park. AIF/MC
Motion by Heinzman, second by Parsley to approve spending up to \$300 with Tru-Green for vegetation control on East Baseball Field at Henning Park. AIF/MC
Goodin gave update on Recreation Plan. Rodriguez, from Bumstead's Office asked Goodin to send information to her and they would see if they could assist the process.
Smith stated that he would be contacting Professor once school was out to see if interest in designing Disc Golf Course.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Heinzman, second by Goodin to approve the budget revenue and expense totals for fiscal year 2019-2020. AIF/MC Schneider stated that house at Skate Park is in need of work and will bring quotes to future meeting. Group discussed portable ice rink that is set up each winter at Skate Park and if ice rink is being utilized. Heinzman expressed willingness to take responsibility of the portable ice rink and set it up at the campground in Croton Township.
Motion by Heinzman, second by Parsley to approve spending up to \$900 per year to support portable restroom at Trail Head/Sledding Hill by Graves Lodge. AIF/MC
Motion by Heinzman, second by Badgero to not renew NCRA Lease Agreement with the City of Newaygo. Motion failed. Schneider stated that NCRA Lease Agreement with the City expires in September 2019.
Motion by Parsley, second by Smith to renew NCRA Lease Agreement with the City of Newaygo for 5 years by allowing the Chair of NCRA to exercise the option stated in current lease agreement of writing a letter to the City stating that NCRA wants to renew current lease with the City of Newaygo. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susie Rodriguez gave upcoming local office hours for Sen. Bumstead.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Motion by Heinzman, second by Parsley to adjourn at 9:40 am.

Kim Goodin, Secretary