



## MINUTES

### Newaygo Community Recreation Authority Meeting

Newaygo County, Michigan

September 12, 2019

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 am at the Skate Park House located at 164 Barton St., 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), Kim Goodin (Brooks Township), Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo)

Absent: Nancy Kinniburgh (Garfield Twp), Nick Smith (County Rep), Morgan Heinzman (Croton Twp)

Badgero stated that agenda items would be altered for discussion as Schneider had to leave early.

#### MINUTES

Motion by Schneider, second by Larsen to approve meeting minutes from 08/27/19. AIF/MC

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### FINANCIALS

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

#### RESERVED TIME

Dan Pillard from TruGreen was present to discuss Grub Control and Seeding Soccer Field Proposals. Pillard discussed Grub Control, but stated too late in season to perform this service. He said Grub Control preventative applications are usually applied late spring to early summer. Pillard stated that some areas of soccer fields are showing some heat stress. He stated that most of grass is a fine fescue, which is more of a shady grass and not designed for hot sun. Pillard stated that adding seed is good on athletic fields and they propose putting down 3lbs of 50/50 blue grass/perennial rye seed per 1,000 sq. ft. Wendy Ferris, representing AYSO Soccer, was present and stated that South upper level field has the thinnest grass. Board discussed quotes from Pillard and wanting to make sure the quality of fields is maintained or enhanced.

Motion by Schneider, second by Parsley to approve TruGreen Contract for \$1,632.00 to re-seed south upper level soccer field. AIF/MC

Wendy Ferris, representing AYSO Soccer, stated they have a problem with woodchucks at the soccer field and wanted to know options to alleviate the problem. Schneider stated they should work with Ron Wight, City DPW Superintendent, to get some live traps. Ferris discussed new County program AYSO is working on and that Newaygo fields would be the host site in the County. She stated she would follow up with Treasurer on contribution payments to NCRA.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Schneider and Board discussed work needed to improve Skate Park House. They discussed the need to determine if worth investing money into house and what next steps should be taken. They discussed: structure of house (seems good), exterior needs, rotted door jams, leaks in two areas of house, and roof. Board discussed future maintenance of house. Board to think about options and next steps for house. Will put on November agenda for further discussion.

Schneider stated tennis/pickleball courts at Henning Park need some rehab and discussed hiring a trencher to go around entire tennis courts as a number of tree roots growing under tennis surface. Board discussed repairs and re-coloring of tennis courts that was done in 2015. Discussed location of current tennis/pickleball courts and possible relocation and costs of tennis/pickleball courts. Goodin will contact vendor to get some pricing on rehab and new court costs.

Schneider left at 8:52 am

Goodin stated that the City had been contacted from group wanting to hold an ultimate frisbee tournament at the soccer field on Friday, November 1, 2019. Ferris stated that soccer season would be done on October 27<sup>th</sup> and she did

not have a problem with them utilizing field(s). Goodin to contact them and state that soccer will be done, please respect the fields, and no contract or lease would be required.  
“Draft” License Agreement for Henning Park East Ball Field with Newaygo Youth Softball was distributed for review. Smith had made changes to first draft version that was discussed at previous meeting.  
Soccer Lease Agreement expires on March 24, 2020 and was distributed to board and Ferris. Board and AYSO Board will review and discuss changes needed at November NCRA Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Board discussed maintenance of Centerline fields being done by Newaygo Youth Softball. The South field had been mowed, but the North field had yet to be mowed. Fields need to be mowed every 7-10 days according to contract. Clippings need to be removed prior to TruGreen performing final spray of the season. A follow up letter and email will be sent to Newaygo Youth Softball addressing maintenance of the fields. duChemin stated that water was still off at fields, due to previous leak, and felt the water could be left off and DPW could blow out the lines for winter.

Goodin will update recreation plan according to DNR and send update to townships.

Board discussed potential new AYSO program in the county with Newaygo being the host site. Need more clarification from Newaygo AYSO.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Motion by Larsen, second by Goodin to adjourn at 10:07 am.

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Kim Goodin, Secretary