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Newaygo Community Recreation Authority Meeting

March 11, 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 and via teleconference due to the MDHHS COVID-19 Emergency Order.

Present at City Hall: 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), Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo), Greg Brooks (Garfield Twp)

Present via teleconference: None

Absent: Morgan Heinzman (Croton Twp)

Also Present: Mark Pitzer (Newaygo County Parks & Recreation Board Member), Steve Hatting (Newaygo County Parks & Recreation Board Member)

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Motion by Larsen, second by Smith to approve meeting minutes from 01/14/2021. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Parker lives north of the Muskegon River and has property adjacent to Henning Park in area where a portion of the new Disc Golf Course is being proposed, was present. He said he was attending to get more information regarding location of Disc Golf Course.

FINANCIALS

Motion by Parsley, second by Smith to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. AIF/MC Schneider stated that expenses are on target, but revenue slightly down due to decrease of renting Graves Lodge related to various gathering orders by the State. He said that he will be working on the budget if anyone has any suggestions for next fiscal year.

RESERVED TIME

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Smith stated that the Disc Golf Course design was adjusted slightly and that the County had signed a contract with Mark Janke for the Forestry work and they would be submitting a Forestry Management Plan to the Newaygo County Parks and Recreation Board in the next 2-3 months. Schneider stated that 6 or 7 holes of the Disc Golf Course may be completed by the end of 2021.

Pitzer gave an update on Pickleball Courts stating that the fencing was complete and resurfacing will occur in the spring. He said the Newaygo Pickleball Club will submit any dates to Smith should they decide to have any Pickleball Tournaments at Henning Park in 2021. Smith stated that they would be going out to bid for a handicap parking spot at the Pickleball Courts.

Motion by Schneider, second by Smith to approve Comstock Turf quote of \$2,360.00 for fertilizer/herbicide applications and weed control at Henning Park Baseball Fields. AIF/MC duChemin discussed quote from Comstock Turf for fertilizer/herbicide and weed control at Henning Baseball Fields and stated that the East Field will not be playable until at least July 1st as the area where it was tiled needs to be developed. duChemin said that Comstock Turf has done a great job with the diamond construction and has a vested interest in the fields.

duChemin stated that Centerline Fields are in good shape and they will monitor for water leaks this season.

Motion by Badgero, second by Goodin to approve Comstock Turf quote of \$6,200.00 for fertilizer/herbicide applications and aerification at the Soccer Fields. AIF/MC Board discussed quotes from TruGreen and Comstock Turf related to the soccer fields. Comstock Turf had included a letter that contained information about not needing additional seeding at the soccer fields but the need for consistent mowing and proper watering.

Goodin to reach out to AYSO to get a representative from soccer that would be a contact for Comstock Turf to deal with regarding the soccer fields.

Motion by Schneider, second by Larsen to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Newaygo County Parks and Recreation Commission and Newaygo Community Recreation Authority with suggested changes related to sections 11b and 11i. Suggested change on 11b is to add “except items under 10e” and suggested change to 11i relates to actions occurring in the day use areas that are not related to NCRA events and NCRA should not be held liable. Solve by adding phrase at the end of paragraph that says “unless due to actions or negligence of NCPRC.” AIF/MC Smith to talk with County Attorney about suggested changes and take to the next Newaygo County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. Board discussed current and future License Agreements that NCRA has or may have with various sporting organizations for field use and that these agreements need to be updated.

Smith stated that any Licensees with NCRA that would be utilizing Henning Park or any County Park during 2021 are required to have a COVID Response Plan.

Board discussed and made suggestions to “draft” NCRA Field Use Policy that was included in packets. duChemin will update policy accordingly and bring back to the May NCRA meeting.

Goodin stated that she attended DNR webinar, but it pertained to how to obtain grants and did not focus on the Recreation Plan portion. Board discussed options and consensus of board is to update current recreation plan and approve at NCRA, and in the future should NCRA decide to apply for a DNR grant that they would work on steps to get the plan approved by the DNR.

Smith stated that the cleaning service that Graves Lodge had been utilizing retired and he is looking for suggestions. He said that any cleaning service would need to have insurance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parker asked about final design and completion date of Disc Golf Course which Smith answered.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Smith gave an update on the Dragon Trail.

Motion by Schneider, second by Badgero to adjourn at 10:01 am. AIF/MC

Kim Goodin, Secretary