



## MINUTES

### Newaygo Community Recreation Authority Meeting

### July 11, 2024

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 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), Erik Larsen (Garfield Twp), Greg Brooks (Garfield Twp), Duane duChemin (Croton Twp), Jennifer Badgero (Brooks Twp), Kim Goodin (Brooks Twp), Nick Smith (County Rep)

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

#### MINUTES

Motion by Badgero, second by Schneider to approve meeting minutes from 05/09/2024. AIF/MC

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### FINANCIALS

Motion by Larsen, second by Goodin to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. AIF/MC Schneider stated that the budget and accounts payable was included in packets.

#### BOARD BUSINESS

Board Members from AYSO were present to discuss recent damage that was done by a vehicle to the soccer fields.

Herwig, AYSO Treasurer, stated that they want to work with the City and NCRA to make the fields safe for the players. Schneider stated that the City is experiencing the same issues in the parking lots at the Riverfront Parks, Skate Park and Centerline Baseball Fields and this is the second or third incident at the soccer fields. Schneider said that the City Police Department was aware of the situations. NCRA Board and AYSO Board Members discussed options to try and eliminate future vandalism at the fields. Discussion included:

- Cameras
- Surveillance Signs
- Mechanisms to secure fields with rocks, bollards, fencing, etc
- Lighting

AYSO will reach out to potential sponsors about rocks and light poles. Schneider said that the DPW will deliver topsoil to the fields and blade the soccer parking lot.

Schneider stated that Double L Irrigation would be replacing a few valves at the Soccer Fields at the end of July. He said that the well at the soccer fields had somehow been turned off and was back on and that Double L came and made sure the irrigation system was working properly.

Goodin stated that the Pickleball Club would be obtaining quotes to repair cracks at the Henning Pickleball Courts.

Smith gave an update on the Disc Golf Course stating that once all the signs were ordered and installed that they would know how much funding remained and they could discuss tee pads and a potential Kiosk.

duChemin stated that the Baseball Fields looked good and that the South dugouts at Centerline were complete. He said that they hope to start work on the North dugouts at Centerline soon.

Motion by Badgero, second by Brooks to approve request by Randy Butters with the Conservation Stewards Program through MSU to use Graves Lodge on Monday, September 9, 2024 and Monday, September 16, 2024 at no charge. Yeas: 0 Nays: 7 Absent: 2 MOTION FAILED Information about the Conservation Stewards Program through MSU and their request to utilize Graves Lodge at no charge was included in packets.

Board members discussed if allow this for one organization than you have to allow for other organizations.

Motion by Badgero, second by Smith to **not** make language changes to the Graves Lodge Rental Agreement. AIF/MC Smith stated that the MSU Conservation Stewards Program had requested changes be made to the Graves Lodge Rental Agreement prior to them signing the agreement.

Motion by Badgero, second by Goodin 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**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Smith gave an update on new software that the County Parks is using to obtain data and said that the County Parks is working on a new marina on Hardy Pond.

Motion by Badgero, second by Goodin to adjourn meeting at 9:27 am. AIF/MC

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Kim Goodin, Secretary