



MINUTES

Newaygo Community Recreation Authority Meeting

May 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 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), Greg Brooks (Garfield Twp), Duane duChemin (Croton Twp), Jennifer Badgero (Brooks Twp), Kim Goodin (Brooks Twp)

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

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Motion by Schneider, second by Badgero to approve meeting minutes from 03/13/2025. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENT

FINANCIALS

Motion by Badgero, second by Schneider to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. AIF/MC
Schneider stated that the budget is right where it should be for this time of year.

Motion by Badgero, second by Goodin to approve payment to Timberland Equipment in the amount of \$1,710.65 for invoices related to repairs and maintenance of the lawnmowers at the Soccer fields, Centerline fields, Henning fields, and Vets field. AIF/MC duChemin explained that Little League Baseball had obtained used mowers for Henning Park and the Vets field. He said that the mower decks would be taken off these mowers and they would be used exclusively for dragging and maintaining the fields and not for mowing. duChemin said that this would extend the lifespan of the mower at Centerline fields and this would be a one-time expense to have the used mowers inspected before use. The Board discussed that the Centerline fields and Soccer field mowers were owned by NCRA and that the new/used mowers at the Vets field and Henning Park are owned by Little League. It was discussed that the mowers at the Vets field and Henning Park would be used to maintain Baseball Little League fields.

BOARD BUSINESS

Goodin said that Racquet Sports had recently repaired the cracks at the Pickleball Courts. She said that a representative from the Pickleball Group was concerned that the expansion joints under the nets, which cost \$920 to have cut during the installation of the Pickleball Courts, had been filled in during repairs. They did not think that the cracks under the nets should have been filled. Goodin said that Racquet Sports stated that they fill the joints and they break and expand over time. Schneider said that the quote from Racquet Sports for crack repair was \$3,150 and was signed in March, expressing concern that the invoice may be higher. The consensus of the Board was to approve payment of the invoice if the total is \$3,500 or less. The Board discussed the longevity of the Pickleball Courts and potential future surface options.

Schneider gave an update on the Disc Golf Course stating that the County had bid out the Tee Pads. He said that the plan is to have graphics at each hole, a sign at Shaw Park and possibly a kiosk at the first hole in Shaw Park.

Schneider informed the Board that Double L Irrigation will be at the soccer fields and baseball fields during the week of May 12th for irrigation system start-up.

duChemin gave an update on the dugouts on the North Centerline fields stating that they are expected to be completed within the next couple of weeks, with the invoice to follow shortly after completion. duChemin said that the wall at the Centerline fields will require attention in the near future. Schneider and Board discussed options for wall repairs. duChemin discussed the need for an additional baseball field and the Board discussed possible locations. duChemin will contact the land owner on the backside of Centerline fields and see if he might be interested in selling a portion of his land.

Schneider gave updates on the Powerhouse building and displayed pictures of the structural repairs and overlook deck that had been completed. He also displayed potential conceptual designs from the architects for a future open-air pavilion at the Powerhouse Building. He said that the project will depend on costs and funding and

will be a multi-year project. Schneider displayed potential images for the Pocket Park and said that the City is waiting to find out if they are awarded a grant that would be utilized to help fund the Pocket Park. He discussed the planned construction of apartments behind Leppinks stating that the developer hopes to break ground on the first phase, which includes 50 apartments, this year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Motion by Badgero, second by Schneider to adjourn meeting at 9:06 am. AIF/MC

Kim Goodin, Secretary