



MINUTES

Newaygo Community Recreation Authority Meeting

February 12, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 am by Chair Jennifer Badgero. The meeting was held at Newaygo City Hall located at 28 N. State Road, Newaygo, MI 49337.

Present: Jennifer Badgero (Brooks Twp), Kim Goodin (Brooks Twp), Jon Schneider (City of Newaygo), Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo), Erik Larsen (Garfield Twp), John Clark (Croton Twp), Asa Vermeulen (County Rep)

Absent: Morgan Heinzman (Croton Twp)

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Motion by Schneider, second by Clark to approve meeting minutes from 09/11/2025. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENT

FINANCIALS

Motion by Schneider, second by Larsen to approve the current month financials and accounts payable. AIF/MC Schneider discussed the original budget and the proposed amended budget. He stated that the proposed amended budget is needed because of the increase in revenue and expenses related to the Baseball Diamond Dust Project. Schneider said that contributions from Brooks Township, Croton Township, Garfield Township and the City increased the revenue \$25,800 and the expense increased \$26,790 which included the Diamond Dust Project expense and higher cost for the NCRA Audit.

BOARD BUSINESS

Motion by Goodin, second by Parsley to reappoint Jennifer Badgero as NCRA Chair and Jon Schneider as NCRA Vice-Chair. AIF/MC

Motion by Schneider, second by Goodin to approve Resolution N2026-01 setting the NCRA 2026 meeting dates and the first meeting date of 2027, rescheduling the January 14, 2027 date until February 11, 2027. AIF/MC

Motion by Badgero, second by Clark to approve NCRA Budget Amendment increasing revenues to \$65,811.00 and increasing expenses to \$ 67,000.00. AIF/MC Schneider discussed the proposed budget amendment under Financials.

Schneider stated that the NCRA Audit for FY 2024/2025 was included in packets and there were not any issues.

Schneider stated that last year challenges occurred with the water at the soccer fields related to issues with the VFD at the well. He said that the City DPW was obtaining quotes to possibly install a soft start device and remove the VFD at the well.

Clark discussed the Baseball Diamond Dust Project stating that 8 sprinkler heads were removed at the Centerline North Field as they will be removing the grass between the field and the dugout and placing diamond dust in those areas. He said that Bob Grewe, from Waterworks, was very helpful with the removal of the sprinkler heads. Clark said that Little League plans to remove the railroad ties at the Centerline fields and replace with parking bumpers and said that they hope to paint the buildings at the Centerline fields this year.

Goodin said she requested quotes from Comstock Turf, Christian Brothers, Greenline Sports Turf and Waterworks for fertilizer/herbicide applications and weed control for the Soccer Fields, Henning Park & Centerline Baseball fields and should have the quotes at the March NCRA meeting.

Board discussed the Henning Park swim pond maintenance program and pricing information from Savin Lake Services which was included in packets. Vermeulen discussed maintenance of pond over the years stating that there is not much sand left and the pond has become very weedy. Vermeulen said that he had initially planned for the County Park staff to do some type of spraying at the pond, but because of EGLE requirements, it was determined that was not the best option. He said that the quote from Savin Lake was the lowest quote received. Board discussed various treatment and maintenance ideas and the consensus of the board was that something needs to be done and that Schneider should include \$3,000 in the new FY budget being worked on for pond maintenance. Vermeulen plans to follow up with Savin Lake Services with a few additional questions for further discussion at the March meeting. Vermeulen stated that he would eventually look into grants available to extend sidewalks to the pond and make more ADA compliant.

Schneider said that Luke Francis, a teacher at NPS, and his students continue repairing sections of the Skate Park.

Board discussed the Pickleball courts and cracks that continue to form each year. Schneider said that they have sealed the cracks a few times over the years, but not sure what the future holds for these courts. Board discussed potentially needing new Pickleball courts in the future and talked about potential locations and funding for new courts. One location proposed was at the Newaygo Skate Park. Board said that NCRA and County could not absorb the funding of a project this size.

Goodin stated that the NCRA Master Plan expires at the end of 2026. Consensus of board was to update the plan, but not go through the process to become State certified. Goodin will email the plan to all board members and start reviewing sections for board to discuss and make recommendations at future meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Motion by Badgero, second by Schneider to adjourn meeting at 8:58 am. AIF/MC

Kim Goodin, Secretary