



MINUTES

Newaygo Community Recreation Authority Meeting

July 9, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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), Jon Schneider (City of Newaygo), John Clark (Croton Twp), Bruce Gracik (Croton Twp), Erik Larsen (Garfield Twp), Gary Timmer (Garfield Twp), Asa Vermeulen (County Rep)

Absent: Kim Goodin (Brooks Twp), Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo)

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Motion by Badgero, second by Schneider to approve meeting minutes from 05/01/2026. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

FINANCIALS

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

BOARD BUSINESS

Vermeulen said that Newaygo County Native Circles was interested in renting the Henning Park day-use area in September for their annual Pow-Wow. According to the agreement between NCRA and Newaygo County Parks, Native Circles will work with the County Parks on rental of this area.

Motion by Clark, second by Schneider to approve NCRA paying \$145 per month for the remaining months of agreement between Newaygo County Pickleball Club and Countryside Septic Tank Services for a portable toilet located by the Pickleball Courts at Henning Park. AIF/MC Newaygo County Pickleball Club will invoice NCRA for the remaining four months left on the agreement.

Dianna Taylor and Donna Karmen, from Newaygo County Pickleball Club, were present and discussed the high usage of the Pickleball Courts at Henning Park by many individuals not associated with the Pickleball Club. They discussed rules for court use that had been established and posted at the Fremont Pickleball Courts.

Motion by Schneider, second by Larsen to approve rental agreement for Newaygo River City Hitters 14U Softball Team (Brett Wiggers) to use Centerline North field from August 7, 2026-October 7, 2026 with a rental fee of \$600 and a deposit fee of \$1,000. AIF/MC Application and field use rates and rules were included in packets.

Clark said that there are brown spots at the Centerline North field and thinks that the irrigation needs adjusting. Ron Wight, City DPW Superintendent, will contact Double L Irrigation.

Board discussed the irrigation and mowing issues at the soccer fields. Double L Irrigation is scheduled to be at the fields in the coming days to check the system. Goodin will contact AYSO on the status of mowing.

Vermeulen said that Savin Lake Services had started work on the swim pond stating that the cattails are turning brown. He said that Savin Lake Services has a couple more treatments planned for the coming months.

Schneider stated that Luke Francis continues to work on finishing sections of the Skateboard Park. He said that someone had started a fire on a section of the surface at the Skateboard Park and the City is looking for a contractor to repair the area.

Vermeulen discussed work that had been done on the trail areas of the Disc Golf Course and discussed signage which would be finished and installed in the coming months.
Goodin working on updates for the NCRA Recreation Plan and hopes to have updates ready to send to members prior to the September meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Vermeulen said that the County marina project at the former Four Seasons Landing on Hardy Dam has been paused until the status of the dams is finalized.

Motion by Badgero, second by Schneider to adjourn meeting at 9:11 am. AIF/MC

Kim Goodin, Secretary