

MINUTES
Newaygo Community Recreational Authority
Newaygo County, Michigan
December 12, 2007

PUBLIC HEARING - CALL TO ORDER

The public hearing meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM at Winter Sports Complex located at 4684 Evergreen, Newaygo MI 49337.

Present: Rich Blachford (City of Newaygo), Rich Kooistra (Newaygo County), Erik Larsen (Garfield Twp), Les Salacina (Brooks Twp), Chris Haynor (Brooks Twp), Chuck Shick (City of Newaygo)

Absent: Nancy Kinniburgh (Garfield Twp),

Guest: Ron Weldon (Newaygo County Parks Director)

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Kooistra, support by Shick to open public hearing at 8:05 am. AIF/MC Burkholder briefly discussed the changes to the amended recreation plan; no comments. Motion by Haynor, support by Larsen at 8:07 am to close public hearing. AIF/MC

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 am at same location and with same board members as above.

MINUTES

Meeting minutes from 10/11/07 will be approved at next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Salacina, support by Shick to approve Resolution 07-04 which adopts the amended Newaygo Community Recreation and Natural Resources Conservation Plan. AIF/MC No comments at public hearing above; Burkholder discussed the changes and amendments to the plan which included the removal of Everett Township and added some new goals.

Blachford gave the board an update on the improvements at Henning Park; stairway from Shaw Park to Henning is completed. He also informed the board he held a skateboard meeting and there are funds to go towards a park but more needs to be raised.

Weldon updated the board on the progress of the lodge building in the back. New septic tank and tile are in and the electric service has been brought up to code. Currently work is being done on the restrooms. The building contractor misunderstood how much of the building was to be sided and he quoted for one side only; the other three sides need to be done. Motion by Salacina, support by Shick to approve the cost of \$2,210 to side the other three sides of the building. AIF/MC

Haynor would like to see a report of the NCRA funds; expenditures, grant monies, etc. Blachford and Schneider are currently working on a report and will have it for the next meeting.

Blachford is getting bids to cut the brush from the sports park towards the lake so the lake is visible.

There was some discussion on insurance for NCRA. The County currently has insurance on the Winter Sports Park and buildings; may just need to get a policy to cover the County's deductible.

The board discussed the non-motorized trail way. Burkholder suggested the railroad easement as another possible option to the MDOT right-of-way location. Blachford suggested canceling the January meeting and instead, meet with an engineering company, cost the trail way out and bring more information back to the February meeting. Motion by Salacina, support by Shick to cancel the January 2008 NCRA meeting. AIF/MC

It was decided to hold off on the brochure until after more information is obtained regarding the trail way.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Haynor asked if the toboggan trail is open or would be opened. Blachford has been in touch with an insurance company and proper signage needs to be posted. Sledding trail is currently open. Blachford informed the board of a meeting that was held with the school, coaches and little league people to discuss softball/baseball and soccer fields at the location next to the cemetery. Next meeting will be on January 9, 2008. NCRA should be in charge and take care of these fields and the foundation wants NCRA to be involved as well.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2008 at 8:00 am at the Winter Sports Park building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 am.

Jon Schneider, NCRA Secretary