

MINUTES
Newaygo Community Recreational Authority
Newaygo County, Michigan
March 12, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The 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), Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo), Chris Haynor (Brooks Twp), Erik Larsen (Garfield Twp), Les Salacina (Brooks Twp)

Absent: Nancy Kinniburgh (Garfield Twp), Rich Kooistra (Newaygo County)

Guest: Ron Welton (Newaygo County Parks Director), Harry Burkholder (LIAA)

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Motion by Salacina, support by Larsen with corrections to approve meeting minutes from 02/14/08. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Frazier of Sidock Group, Inc. (engineering firm) looked at the M-37 right-of-way and stated that the project for the trail way looked feasible. Frazier has contacted Norm Ochs, Newaygo County Surveyor, about doing some survey work. Blachford will inform the Fremont Area Community Foundation about installing the trail along the M-37 right-of-way rather than through the woods as previously planned. The North Country Trail and the U.S. Forest Service are still interested in creating a foot path through the woods from the Sports Park to Newaygo. These entities are planning to do an environmental review.

Improvements to the Winter Sports lodge are almost complete; hoping to paint in May. Electrical bids are still being taken to light the tennis court area in Henning Park. Salacina mentioned using BARCO benches for the tennis court area.

Blachford has talked to MML and not sure that additional insurance is needed for NCRA. He recommended checking with an attorney. Burkholder will check with another recreation authority to determine how they handle insurance.

Blachford reviewed a power point presentation which listed NCRA's goals and objectives. He discussed the need for sports facilities at Newaygo High School, an area on Croton Road by the cemetery and a skate board park. Blachford reviewed expected costs and potential funding sources for the above mentioned projects. The hope is for financial funding from the intergovernmental body (City, Brooks & Garfield Townships) which was recently formed to address growth management in and around the City.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2008 at 8:00 am at the Winter Sports Park building.

Motion by Salacina, support by Haynor to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 am.

Jon Schneider, NCRA Secretary