

MINUTES
Newwaygo Community Recreational Authority
Newwaygo County, Michigan
July 10, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM in at the County Sports Park/Complex whose address is 4684 Evergreen, Newwaygo MI 49337.

Present: Rich Blachford (City of Newwaygo), Chris Haynor (Brooks Twp), Nancy Kinniburgh (Garfield Twp), Erik Larsen (Garfield Twp), Les Salacina (Brooks Twp), Ron Welton (County Park Dept.)

Absent: Jane Parsley (City of Newwaygo)

Guest: Harry Burkholder (LIAA)

MINUTES

Motion by Salacina, support by Haynor to approve meeting minutes with changes requested by some of the board members from 06/12/08. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Welton gave an update on the finishing touches to Graves Lodge; caulked around windows.

The board discussed purchasing folding tables and chairs to have and also discussed the hours to have the lodge open. It was decided to have the lodge open the same hours as the NCEDO / Welcome Center for now. There needs to be some signage purchased for the lodge such as "no smoking" and some rules along with picnic tables, trash receptacles and possibly a grill. The ground also needs to be seeded. Blachford to bring the budget to the August meeting. If Graves Lodge is open in the winter, this board will need to discuss supervision.

Welton presented the board with sign bids and color prints. The double sided sign will be approximately \$3,500 plus \$1,500 for posts, installation, etc. Blachford requested that "NCRA" be put on the sign. The NCRA board picked the vertical green color proof version of the sign choices; all were in favor of the same sign. Welton requested from Blachford the sign budget.

Blachford stated that Bill Frazier should receive the final survey report in the next couple of days. The Fremont Area Community Foundation is aware that NCRA is looking at two possible site locations for the trail way and that NCRA needs to clarify which one they will be proceeding with.

Blachford has been in talks with the City of Grant regarding the possibility of working jointly on putting several ball fields between Grant and Newwaygo. The site behind Klub Sports is a possible location. Currently the City of Grant is looking at starting their own recreation authority. Salacina stated this could be a better opportunity for a paved trail from Klub Sports to Henning Park. Blachford noted that these trails could be put into phases.

Blachford updated the board on the grants currently at the FACF. The Henning Park / Graves Lodge grant is complete and was over budget by \$1,000 and NCRA will need to make up that difference. He discussed the resolution that the board will need to pass giving NCRA the use and responsibility of the skateboard / ice skating park at the corner of Barton and

Ewing. Eventually there will need to be a lease drawn up giving NCRA the use and responsibility of all the area parks.

Haynor would like to make sure that the area residents around Barton and Ewing are notified of the possible skateboard / ice skating park. Blachford will hold a meeting to discuss with them. Haynor would also like to see a budget on the maintenance of the parks.

There was discussion about having to amend the articles after the locations for the ball fields, skateboard park and ice skating rinks have been chosen.

Welton will take the lead on getting the lodge and area at the Winter Sports Park seeded if given a budget.

Motion by Haynor, support by Larsen to support a grant application to the Fremont Area Community Foundation accepting responsibility for a skateboard / ice skating park in the City. AIF/MC

There was discussion by the board about getting the soccer, rocket football and little league groups together to discuss fundraising and how they can help support NCRA. NCRA will look at bringing these groups together in the fall and having a meeting. Haynor suggested getting a mailing list together of the area groups, asking for funds, and look at plaques for their donations. A pamphlet needs to be put together showing NCRA's accomplishments and the various parks.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Blachford will bring the budget for NCRA at August meeting.

Haynor asked that Bill Frazier be at the next meeting.

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

Motion by Larsen, support by Haynor to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Jon Schneider, NCRA Secretary