

MINUTES
Newaygo Community Recreational Authority
Newaygo County, Michigan
August 14, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM in at the County Sports Park Complex at 4684 Evergreen, Newaygo MI 49337.

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

Absent:

Guest: Jennifer Badgero (Brooks Twp), Harry Burkholder (LIAA)

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Motion by Salacina, support by Haynor to approve meeting minutes from 07/10/08. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Welton stated that the lodge is done exception for the night light that used to be hooked up but as part of the electrical upgrade it did not get reconnected. It involves putting a line in under ground to the new breaker box. Lodge still needs some folding chairs, a couple tables, a couple of picnic tables and grills for the outside. Welton will take the lead on seeding the sports park if given a budget.

Motion by Salacina, support by Haynor not-to-exceed \$1,000 to have the night light hooked back up. AIF/MC

Welton noted that the sign will be approximately \$5,800. He is donating the sign installation which is \$800, the Convention & Visitor's Bureau is contributing \$1,000 and it leaves NCRA to pay \$4,000.

Blachford went over the NCRA budget and NCRA project budgets in detail with the board. The Shaw Park / Graves Lodge grant is complete and over budget \$3,246.59. Need to make the grant zero to close it out completely. Blachford would like to separate NCRA's financial responsibilities and County's responsibilities for budgeting purposes and each also keep track of the in-kind donation amounts.

Motion by Salacina, support by Parsley to transfer funds from the NCRA operating budget to the Shaw Park / Graves Lodge grant fund in the amount of \$3,246.59 to zero out the project. AIF/MC

Blachford noted that the NCRA Skateboard Park grant was approved by the Fremont Area Community Foundation. The FACF approved \$79,500 for the skateboard equipment. Most of this project could be done by late fall. There will be a public meeting with the area neighbors to communicate and talk about this project. Blachford will also be holding a meeting with the group who attended the skateboard meetings, the company that will build the skate park and he asked for two volunteers from this board to help work on this project. Badgero and Kinniburgh offered to work with Blachford.

The soccer fields will be sprayed with weed killer in the next couple of weeks, disked and finally seeded before fall. The cost for this will be taken out of the balance left for the soccer / ball

fields project account. A bid for approximately \$38,000 was obtained by the soccer committee for irrigation for the new soccer fields on Croton Road. It is possible TIFA may pay for the irrigation but it needs to be presented at the next TIFA meeting in October. Both the soccer and little league groups still need to continue to fund raise and contribute to help fund the maintenance of the fields. It was suggested that NCRA Board members meet with the various sports groups a couple times a year to make sure this continues to happen and so everyone can work together. The dug outs at the ball fields on Evergreen have been painted and the parking areas need to be fixed up. The plan is to water the baseball fields using a nearby fire hydrant and running two big sprinkler heads, one to each field.

Blachford would like to see a contract drawn up with NCRA which allows NCRA to manage the skateboard park, tennis courts, soccer fields, ball diamonds and the Winter Sports Park.

Welton briefly discussed a letter regarding the NCT Spur.

Burkholder passed out a "draft" NCRA brochure and information sheet for the board to look over.

He included in the brochure a place for people to donate. Haynor suggested that the donors receive something in return. Burkholder suggested a brick with their name on it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Haynor stated this would be her last NCRA meeting but will still remain very involved in NCRA and help see it to fruition.

Blachford updated the board on the Riverbank property. He met with potential investors and the project is going very well.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2008 at 8:00 am at the Winter Sports Park building.

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

Jon Schneider, NCRA Secretary