

**MINUTES**  
**Newaygo Community Recreational Authority**  
Newaygo County, Michigan  
**November 13, 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: Jane Parsley (City of Newaygo), Jennifer Badgero (Brooks Twp), Rich Blachford (City of Newaygo), Les Salacina (Brooks Twp), Ron Welton (County Park Dept.)

Absent: Nancy Kinniburgh (Garfield Twp), Erik Larsen (Garfield Twp)

Guest: Harry Burkholder (LIAA)

**MINUTES**

Motion by Salacina, support by Badgero to approve meeting minutes from 10/09/08. AIF/MC

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Blachford complimented the work of LIAA and Heather Seyfarth's presentation at the October 28, 2008 Growth Management Initiative public meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Need a few more tables and chairs for the lodge and need to establish a seating capacity. Welton presented a draft rental agreement for the lodge. After some discussion there were a few suggested revisions: require a security deposit equal to the rent and higher the rental fees for Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Other details were discussed such as whether to allow alcohol on site and how to cover any liability. The board will review other rental agreements.

Sledding on the hill was discussed. There are some safety concerns and currently the hill is not promoted to the public.

The soccer fields have been put in. They will need more seed in spots and more fertilizer. Currently researching the installation of irrigation and the parking lot will be evaluated during the use of the park.

The grounds at 164 Barton have been cleared up and the house needs to be resided. Neighborhood and sport group meetings are scheduled to be held from January to March. Representatives from sporting group should attend NCRA meetings and report on the progress.

Barbara Barber spoke up and stated that she will fight the board until she has her way. She will publish articles in the newspaper if the board doesn't do what she wants. She doesn't want a trail along M-37.

Regarding the trailway along M-37 and other areas; still need to research some options. Funding could be difficult since MDOT is struggling financially. Harry Burkholder from LIAA will work on some options and bring materials to the next meeting. Motion by Salacina, support by Parsley to table proceeding with the trailway along M-37 until alternatives are further investigated. AIF/MC

The board has some concerns over the ownership of any proposed logos. NCRA would like to own rights to the logo they choose from the design company. Motion by Salacina, support by Badgero to approve up to \$250 to allow Rick Beisiegel of Vial Signs & Graphics to work on a logo design. AIF/MC

**NEW BUSINESS**

The board reviewed NCRA's financial reports. The local governments have been billed and waiting for the revenue to come in. Welton gave instructions on how to collect the \$10,000 pledged from County.

A draft meeting schedule was handed out to the board for 2009. Motion by Salacina, support by Parsley to adopt the meeting schedule for calendar year 2009. AIF/MC

The board decided at the next meeting to elect officers.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Burkholder reminded the board of the website for NCRA, [www.newaygorecreation.org](http://www.newaygorecreation.org) . This website contains the Plan, minutes, etc.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

N/A

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

Motion by Badgero, support by Salacina to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 AM.

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Jon Schneider, NCRA Secretary