

MINUTES
Newwaygo Community Recreational Authority
Newwaygo County, Michigan
January 8, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 AM in at the County Sports Park Complex at 4684 Evergreen, Newwaygo MI 49337.

Present: Jane Parsley (City of Newwaygo), Jennifer Badgero (Brooks Twp), Les Salacina (Brooks Twp), Rich Blachford (City of Newwaygo), Ron Welton (County Park Dept.), Nancy Kinniburgh (Garfield Twp)

Absent: Erik Larsen (Garfield Twp)

Guest: Harry Burkholder (LIAA)

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Motion by Salacina, support by Parsley to approve meeting minutes from 12/11/08. AIF/MC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barb Barber, Evergreen Drive, inquired about an injury on the hill next to the lodge. Board members were unaware of any injury.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The lodge has not been winterized yet and there has been a number of inquires regarding renting the lodge. Motion by Parsley, support by Badgero to go forward and rent the lodge. AIF/MC Burkholder will put the rental agreement and Welton's contact information on the NCRA website. Motion by Salacina, support by Kinniburgh to adopt the rental agreement for the lodge. AIF/MC Blachford will see if the City can donate more chairs for the lodge.

Blachford will contact the DEQ and attempt to close out the soil erosion permit with the drain commission.

Regarding the sledding hill; some people are still building jumps and ramps. Welton has leveled the hill to improve safety. The hill has received a lot of use so far this year.

Blachford informed the board that there will be a meeting this evening with neighbors regarding the skateboard park. There will also be further meetings on Wednesday's and Thursday's the second week of month from January through March regarding baseball, football, soccer and skateboarding. He invited the board to attend.

NCRA will be applying to Great Lakes People Fund for a grant of \$4,900 to improve the house located at 164 Barton (ice skating / Skateboard Park) to use as a warming station and restrooms. Motion by Salacina, support by Parsley to adopt Resolution 09-01 supporting the grant application to Great Lakes Energy's People Fund. AIF/MC

Soccer fields are coming along nicely; hope to be able to use in the fall of 2009. Tennis courts were used last year and the City received a number of compliments of the refurbished courts.

The board reviewed the revised designs from Graphicus and Vital Signs & Graphics. The board choose design 12G from Graphicus but with a brown and gold color scheme. Figures on sign: baseball, skating, soccer, hiker, tennis, swimming.

The board will revisit the trail along the railroad right-of-way. Possibly will have a trail expert come and consult with the NCRA Board. Salacina will take charge of research on the trail project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

N/A

Next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2009 at 8:00 am at the Winter Sports Park building.

Motion by Salacina, support by Kinniburgh to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Jon Schneider, NCRA Secretary