

NORTHWEST OTTAWA RECREATION AUTHORITY

Grand Haven Area Public Schools

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SPECIAL NORA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 19, 2017 **Time:** 5:30 P.M. **Location:** 1415 Beechtree, Grand Haven

1. Call to order: Chairperson- Craig Bessinger 5:30pm
2. Present: Ron Redick, Grand Haven Twp. Mary Jane Belter, Grand Haven Twp.
Kathy Kuck, Robinson Twp. Eric Hayward, Robinson Twp.
Geri McCaleb, Grand Haven Taylor Schriber, Grand Haven
Pat Twa, Ferrysburg Craig Bessinger, Ferrysburg

Absent: Carl Treutler, GHAPS

Also Present: Mark Reenders, Grand Haven Twp. Supervisor
Jill Vander Stel, NORA Coordinator
Liza Dora, NORA Assistant

3. Approval of meeting agenda. Motion by Belter, second by Redick. Approved unanimously.
4. New Business
A. Implementation of the Rec Plan. Redick and Reenders presented a special opportunity that has come to Grand Haven Charter Twp. that would allow NORA and others with a real property opportunity for implementing the NORA Recreation plan and bring it to fruition. Having identified property has been the major stumbling block in pursuing the vision of a regional recreation complex. Much discussion took place. Board unanimously agreed to move forward. Concerns included Rec Authority obligations, connection with GHAPS (Professional agreement would change or school becomes part of the Rec Authority. Could staff remain as school employees?), and the YMCA's interest in partnering in this project. Board asked Vander Stel and Redick to set up a meeting with YMCA CEO and Board President prior to the next recreation task force meeting scheduled for January 3rd to see if they are interested in partnering in this project.
5. Old Business- none
6. Public Comments- none
7. Next Scheduled Meeting: January 25, 2018, 5:30 P.M. at the ESC.
8. Adjournment 6:23pm

Prepared by: Liza Dora, NORA Assistant
Jill Vander Stel, NORA Coordinator

Approved Minutes Date: _____

NORA Board of Trustee Secretary Signature: _____