

NORTHWEST OTTAWA RECREATION AUTHORITY

Grand Haven Area Public Schools

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SPECIAL NORA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 25, 2016 **Time:** 5:30 P.M. **Location:** 1415 S Beechtree St., Grand Haven

1. Call to order: Chairperson Mike Fritz - 5:30pm
2. Present: Mary Jane Belter, Grand Haven Twp.
Tracy Mulligan, Robinson Twp. Kathy Kuck, Robinson Twp.
Mike Fritz, Grand Haven Bill Hunter, Grand Haven
Pat Twa, Ferrysburg Craig Bessinger, Ferrysburg
Carl Truetler, GHAPS

Absent: Mike Hutchins, Grand Haven Twp.

Also Present: Jill Vander Stel, NORA Coordinator
Liza Dora, NORA Assistant
Pam Blough, PM Blough
3. Approval of meeting agenda & meeting minutes of January 28, 2016 as printed with the addition of 4 b. transfer request from the Chris Christiansen Fund under new business. Motion by Hunter, second by Truetler. Approved unanimously.
4. New Business
 - A. NORA Millage Planning- Pam Blough distributed and reviewed a revised timeline.
 1. Rec Plan –
 - a. Blough distributed a draft for discussion of a proposed ballot language sample with blanks in the areas that still need to be decided and a spread sheet of sample millage amounts based on taxable values. She indicated there are questions to be answered as noted on the document. Much discussion occurred. Decisions were tabled till next meeting (ei. amount to be levied, number of years for millage, etc.) Blough was asked by the board to provide different options of proposed ballot language and report back at next meeting (ei. Option A, B, C, D). Final decisions on the questions presented still need to be finalized before having Grand Haven City attorney review language.

b. Blough asked the board if they felt that the Rec Plan was ready for the 30 day public review and comment period. Mulligan motioned to get it out there, Truetler second. Approved Unanimously. Blough stated that there will need to be a 1 day public notice announcement in the Grand Haven Tribune. It will be made available at NORA office and at the Loutit District Library. We'll also put a link on NORA website and Facebook page. Public comment meeting at next meeting on March 31.
 2. Property Update- Pat McGinnis, Grand Haven City Manager, Fritz and Hunter have offered to create a map of locations and some preliminary contacts with owners to measure interest in selling/donating real estate for a future regional recreation complex. Board members can submit their ideas of locations and they can follow up with detail (Size, value, owner, contact info, etc.). They will work with local agents/brokers to start

the search and will meet with 3 different agents to make an offer. Vander Stel questioned how the expense would be paid for the work of the agent. Hunter replied that we would figure that out later. Kuck again noted the owner of the property adjacent to the GHAPS property in Grand Haven Charter Twp. Vander Stel will forward to Hunter once property owner contact information received from Kuck.

3. YMCA Collaboration- No new update.

B. Chris Christiansen Scholarship Fund transfer request. Vander Stel reported that there is \$1,021 available to transfer. Motion by Mulligan to transfer \$1,021 to the NORA general fund to help cover youth scholarships, second by Hunter. Approved unanimously.

5. Old Business

A. Continuous User Soccer Goal Request. Vander Stel distributed Harbor Island map so board could see what field will be available now that the Tri Cities Youth Football field is no longer needed now that their program dissolved. She distributed three different companies' quotes and one set of quotes from companies suggested by Ted Rescorla, Operations Director GHAPS. First quotes were given from the club that uses these fields for their leagues and pay fees into this fund. Bessinger motioned to approve purchase of quote #1.

Vote results:

Yes - Belter, Mulligan, Fritz, Twa, Truetler, Hunter, Bessinger.

No - Kuck

Approved to purchase.

6. Public Comments – Kuck stated that Robinson is possibly turning the football field at Robinson Park into 2 soccer fields unless the deal with the Lakeshore Cougars Football comes thru.

7. Next Scheduled Meeting: March 31, 2016, 5:30 P.M. at the ESC. Note change from original meeting date of March 24th due to conflict with United Way Annual Dinner.

8. Adjournment – 6:45pm

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

Approved minutes date: _____

NORA Board of Trustee Secretary Signature: _____