



original position at the YMCA. They will be getting together a feasibility study/community survey by the end of July using the National YMCA protocol. NORA will be working with the YMCA to come up with possibly one survey that we can send out together to get the information to the community once and not over burden the public with too many surveys. Vander Stel reminded the NORA board that the YMCA board approved the agreement, but hasn't given NORA a copy of the signed agreement by the YMCA.

6. New Business

A. Field Improvement Request

1. Sluka Field – Vander Stel informed the board that she has spoken with McGinnis regarding more information regarding what type of improvements will be done so we can know if we could possibly use soccer field funds as well as baseball field funds. Vivian reported that the irrigation has been completed throughout the entire property so it does include soccer areas as well as baseball field. The invoice came in lower than the original estimate of \$25,000 to only \$17,800. Truetler made a motion, Kuck seconded, to use \$2,500 from the baseball field users account and \$2,500 from the soccer field users account to meet the City's \$5,000 request. Vander Stel reiterated that a maintenance plan needs to be in place to keep the fields maintained even in the off season. Belter recommends that if we approve funds for field improvements that we require a maintenance plan for the field from the field owner. Vander Stel agreed that she will include this request in the next continuous users meeting.

2. Coast Guard Park – Vander Stel presented a quote for top dressing the soccer field from AAA Lawn Care in the amount of \$5,487 for above and beyond normal use repairs to the field. Bessinger noted that AAA does all the turf work for the City of Ferrysburg and that they do a good job. Motion by Belter, seconded by Hutchins. Approved unanimously.

7. Old Business - Vander Stel handed out the program activity statistics completed for this summer. She noted that the "Come Out and Play" representative visited and inspected the Rec Summer School program and they were very impressed. Our program is one of the pilot program selected and they have been sharing our program with other groups. Vander Stel announced that the "Eat Up and Meet Up" was very successful for its first year. NORA provided fun activities on the last day for all the kids. She reported that "Open Door" brings approximately 80 kids and general community members attending averages about 40-50 kids. The program helped out about 140 kids each week with a healthy lunch (prepared by GHAPS Food service) and a bag of groceries from Love Inc. that they could bring home. There were also books the kids could take home each week.

8. Public Comments – Laird Schaffer of Grand Haven Township asked if NORA will be able to utilize the Grand Haven High School's newly expanded facility. Truetler said that there will be guidelines for outside use. Vander Stel added that the reason the facilities were expanded were for lack of space for students. So for NORA to utilize this facility will bring us to the same issues that we are currently in with finding opening in their schedule.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting: Special Meeting August 27, 2015, 5:30pm at the ESC

10. Adjournment - 6:24pm.

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Approved minutes date: \_\_\_\_\_

NORA Board of Trustee Secretary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_