

NORTHWEST OTTAWA RECREATION AUTHORITY

Grand Haven Area Public Schools

1415 Beechtree Street, Grand Haven, MI 49417
Phone: 616.850.5125 Fax: 616.850.5127 nora.ghaps.org

SPECIAL NORA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 26, 2014 **Time:** 5:30pm **Location:** 1415 Beechtree St., Grand Haven

1. Call to order: Chairperson Craig Bessinger 5:32pm
2. Present: Karl French, Grand Haven Twp. Mary Jane Belter, Grand Haven Twp.
 Tracy Mulligan, Robinson Twp. Kathy Kuck, Robinson Twp.
 Mike Fritz, Grand Haven
 Craig Bessinger, Ferrysburg
 Joanne Query, GHAPS

Absent: Scott Blease, Ferrysburg and Vacant, Grand Haven

Also Present: Jill Vander Stel, NORA Coordinator
 Liza Dora, NORA Assistant
3. Approval of Meeting Agenda: Motion by Mulligan, second by Fritz. Approved unanimously.
4. New Business:

A. NORA Millage Planning: Pam Blough met with the YMCA Board, but doesn't have anything new to update at this time.

B. Property Update: Karl French stated that he hasn't had any immediate contact with the party, but has kept in contact via email. The property owner does have some stipulations that must take place before they would consider the property for a recreation complex. Bessinger asked what the consensus of the board was about moving forward with the millage if the piece of property isn't defined. Discussion occurred of other possible properties in the area. They felt that the more information the board has up front the better, but that the property doesn't necessarily have to be determined before the question can be put on the ballot.

C. Millage decision: Fritz supports waiting another month to decide. The board has until August 12 to have all paperwork turned into the State. Fritz, Bessinger and Vander Stel met with the YMCA and continue to move forward on a collaboration. Fritz mentioned that if the YMCA gets on board, it allows us to offer something bigger and better to the community. He thinks we should continue looking for property and keep striving until the last chance to decide if the timing is right on moving forward for a millage. Belter and French both spoke for the GH Charter Twp. on their stand for the millage. They don't disagree that one is needed, but don't feel everything is in place at this time. Kuck stated that she was talking to someone that happened to be in town for a baseball tourney. They liked coming to this community, but found it very taxing to have to go to so many different locations and mentioned it would be nice to have one complex. Kuck mentioned the amount of revenue that a complex will bring

to the communities for tournaments and events that could be coordinated in one location. Query stated it's an ongoing problem anytime you are asking for good faith from the community as to what this will look like exactly, but we can't give exact numbers up front. It will come as you go. Blough stated it is approx. \$4,000-\$5,000 to put the recreation millage on the ballot. Query stated, let's put it to the voters. If they say yes, then yes. But let them decide. Fritz motion to delay the decision till next month's meeting, Kuck seconded. Approved unanimously.

5. Old Business:

Coordinators Review Committee 13-14, Fritz, Query. Vander Stel and Dora were dismissed at 6:05pm and the board went into closed session. Reconvened at 6:20pm. Motion by Fritz to give performance award percentages to NORA Coordinator (2.5%), Assistant (1.25%), and Programmer (.75%). Seconded by Kuck, passed unanimously. Board is extremely pleased at the staff's dedication and work performance.

6. Public Comments: none

7. Next Scheduled Meeting: July 24, 2014, 5:30 P.M. at the ESC

8. Adjournment time: 6:40pm

Submitted by Liza Dora, NORA Assistant
Jill Vander Stel, NORA Coordinator

Approval Minutes Date: _____

NORA Board of Trustee Secretary Signature: _____