

# NORTHWEST OTTAWA RECREATION AUTHORITY

## Grand Haven Area Public Schools

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### NORA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** November 19, 2015      **Time:** 5:30 P.M.      **Location:** 1415 Beechtree, Grand Haven

1. Call to order: Chairperson- Mike Fritz – 5:30pm
2. Present:      Mike Hutchins, Grand Haven Twp.      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 Treutler, GHAPS

Also Present: Jill Vander Stel, NORA Coordinator

Absent: Pam Blough, PMB Inc., Liza Dora, NORA Assistant

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda: Motion- Belter, Second- Hutchins, approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion-Treutler with addendum added to the October 22 minutes from Bill Cargo about the Witteveen Property, Second-Hunter, approved unanimously.
  - A. Approval of Board Meeting minutes of October 22, 2015 as printed.
    1. Addendum from Bill Cargo from his GHT Supervisor Weekly Report: NORA Update: Cargo noted that the proposed 88-acre NORA Sports Complex would not be suitable for the Witteveen Trust property. In brief, given the intensity of the NORA development, the “nature preserve” restrictions on the 89+ acre Witteveen Trust property would prevent NORA from using this site for the proposed sports.
  - B. Financial Reports
    1. October 31, 2015 NORA Financial Report
    2. October 31, 2015 Activity Fund Balance Report
    3. Chris Christiansen Financial Report- Jan. 1 – Sept. 30, 2015
    4. 2015 Inline Hockey Financial Report
5. Recreation Millage: Pam Blough- Absent. Vander Stel reviewed Blough’s Memo Update.
  - A. Recreation Plan- Progress on the Recreation Inventory with the release of GIS information for Robinson Twp. Sports group survey emailed out to 139 athletic coaches, managers, and athletic directors for the regional youth and adult programs which utilize the athletic facilities within the NORA member governmental units and GHAPS. Rec Plan Draft will be distributed to the Board in early January for review and discussion at the January Board meeting. Vander Stel also reported that the grant to the GH Community Foundation was denied. She received a phone call from Holly Johnson outlining the reasons, which Vander Stel prepared as a memo to the board. Next deadline to submit a grant to the Foundation is January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. There were questions Vander Stel could not answer for the Foundation and recommended setting up a meeting.
  - B. Property Update- Belter and Hutchins both reiterated that the Grand Haven Charter Twp. Board strongly honors the Witteveen Trust and that it would not be a possibility for the proposed NORA Recreation Complex. Belter also commented that in regards to the 40 acre

Wolfe property on Ferris Street, development of sports fields and related amenities could only occur on the front 20 acres. The remaining 20 acres cannot be developed – other than trails – because they are wetlands.

C. YMCA Collaboration- No Update

6. Old Business- none
7. New Business
  - A. 2015-16 NORA Proposed Revised Budget #1- Motion by Bessinger, Second by Treutler to approve as presented. Approved unanimously.
  - B. 2014-2015 Audit Report- Electronic version was emailed to Board.
  - C. Inline Hockey League future- Vander Stel reviewed the league situation and recommended to the board that the league be dissolved. Vander Stel recommended trying a drop in style program similar to our open volleyball night. Motion by Belter, Second by Hutchins, passed unanimously.
8. Coordinators Report- Vander Stel highlighted the State Punt Pass and Kick event held at Ford field house during the Detroit Lions game. Local participant Owen Haveman who is a student at Peach Plains Elementary placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Boys 6-7 year old age division with a combined score of 157' 0". Haveman broke the state record in the longest punt and best overall score. Vander Stel also wanted to share that NORA also was hosting the Mom's and Son's Western Night Rodeo with the GHHS State Equestrian Champions attending the event in their uniforms and helping volunteer with the Rodeo games.
9. Advisory Board Comments or Suggestions- Board acknowledged a Happy Holidays to all. Mulligan noted her disappointment in not receiving the grant from the Foundation. Fritz stated that it's just a speed bump and isn't our first time. We need to continue to move forward. Fritz also mentioned he spoke with Joe Legatz about getting a youth pickle ball group started. Vander Stel met with Legatz a while back and discussed writing a grant to obtain equipment to run the program like was done when we began afterschool lacrosse, but at the time it was difficult to add that program with limited staff availability. She noted since we aren't going to run the Inline Hockey league we can now focus our efforts on creating this program.
10. Public Comments- none
11. Next Scheduled Meeting: January 28, 2016, 5:30 P.M. at the ESC.
12. Adjournment- 6:50pm