

NORTHWEST OTTAWA RECREATION AUTHORITY

Grand Haven Area Public Schools

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NORA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 16, 2017 **Time:** 5:30 P.M. **Location:** 1415 Beechtree, Grand Haven

1. Call to order: Chairperson- Craig Bessinger 5:30pm
2. Present: 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
 Carl Treutler, GHAPS

Absent: Ron Redick, Grand Haven Twp.

Also Present: Jill Vander Stel, NORA Coordinator
 Liza Dora, NORA Assistant

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda. Motion by Belter, second by Treutler. Approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Consent Agenda. Motion by Treutler, second by Schriber. Approved unanimously.
 - A. Approval of Board Meeting minutes of October 5, 2017 as printed.
 - B. Financial Reports
 1. September 30, 2017 NORA Financial Report
 2. September 30, 2017 Activity Fund Balance Report
 3. Chris Christiansen Financial Report.
5. Recreation Millage: Tabled
 - A. Recreation Plan- Options. Vander Stel reviewed options that were emailed. After discussion, Bessinger went around the table and asked each member how they wanted to proceed. Majority agreed to let the Recreation Task Force meet before any decisions are made. They agreed to follow the updated Rec. Plan without formal adoption as the funds are not available to take the steps necessary to adopt and send to State. Filing with State would allow NORA to apply for matching grants but not enough available in fund balance to match any approved grants. Belter stated that the board has to keep in mind the costs involved with putting a millage on the ballot. Treutler stated his concerns that NORA has been striving for this millage for a long time and that we are no closer. Hayward said the task force will be able to determine if it will be necessary to go for 1 or 2 millages, Rec Center and operation. Schriber stated that from GHAPS Athletics standpoint, there is a huge need for more gyms and fields for school sports as well as parent groups.
 - B. Property- No New Update
 - C. YMCA Collaboration- Update
6. Old Business - none

7. New Business
 - A. 2017-18 NORA Proposed Revised Budget #1. Motion by Belter, second by Kuck. Approved unanimously.
 - B. 2016-2017 Audit Report – No questions.
8. Coordinators Report – Vander Stel reviewed report emailed to members and added that she is interviewing 3 GVSU students for intern positions this spring. Bessinger suggested hiring two interns. Vander Stel noted that there is limited funding in the budget. Treutler asked about requesting donations from area groups like 100 Women Who Care, 100 Men Who Give, American Legion and the Eagles. Vander Stel reiterated her statement on the report about how difficult it is to get donations, but NORA will continue to request them.
9. Advisory Board Comments or Suggestions –
Kuck – Happy Thanksgiving, Christmas and New years to all. She noted the new Ottawa County Park developed at Johnson and 136th streets at the back of Sterns Bayou. Kuck also reported as part of the Green Pathway, the bike path is being extended from Connor Bayou to 144th/Green Streets.

McCaleb – Offered high hopes for Task Force. Reminded everyone of Light Night on November 17 and Jingle Bell Parade on December 2 in downtown Grand Haven.
10. Public Comments - None
11. Next Scheduled Meeting: January 25, 2018, 5:30 P.M. at the ESC.
12. Adjournment – 6:30pm

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

Approved Minutes Date: _____

NORA Board of Trustee Secretary Signature: _____