

NORTHWEST OTTAWA RECREATION AUTHORITY

Grand Haven Area Public Schools

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NORA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 24, 2015 **Time:** 5:30 P.M. **Location:** 1415 S Beechtree St, Grand Haven

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

Absent: Mike Fritz, Grand Haven
 Pat Twa, Ferrysburg

Also present: Jill Vander Stel, NORA Coordinator
 Liza Dora, NORA Assistant
 Pam Blough, PM Blough
3. Approval of Meeting Agenda. Motion by Belter, second by Truetler, approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Consent Agenda. Motion by Belter, second by Kuck, approved unanimously.
 - A. Approval of Board Meeting minutes of August 27, 2015 as printed.
 - B. Financial Reports
 1. June 30, 2015 NORA Financial Report
 2. June 30, 2015 Activity Fund Balance Report
 3. August 31, 2015 NORA Financial Reports
 4. August 31, 2015 Activity Fund Balance Reports
 5. June 30, 2015 Chris Christiansen Financial Report
5. Old Business
 - A. Millage Planning- Pam Blough.
 1. Rec Plan– Blough distributed revised Goal and Objectives from previous meeting. She also reported that she has been working on the Inventory section of the NORA Rec Plan to blend materials from the Grand Region Plan that was recently completed.
 2. Property Update – Nothing at this time.
 3. YMCA Collaboration – No new updates
 4. Blough distributed a draft of a survey that would be available through Survey Monkey to each parent group within the NORA territory to revise the feasibility plan for the possible NORA sports complex.
6. New Business
 - A. 15-16 Ski Club Proposed Budget – Vander Stel pointed out that Cannonsburg Ski Resort increased lift tickets by \$20, which is reflected in the increase fee to participate. Motion by Truetler to approve budget, second by Belter, approved unanimously.

- B. 15-16 Coordinator Goals – Bessinger reinforced Vander Stel’s main goal is to keep moving forward. He asked Vander Stel to let the board know what they can do to help her meet her goals.
- C. Rec Summer School Update – Vander Stel stated there are still some expenses coming in for this past year. Looking at the possibility of expanding to an additional location that would address either Pontaluna Shores or River Haven Mobile Home Parks. Come out and Play was a two year grant of \$10,000 for each year. We didn’t spend all of the \$10,000 for the first year, so we may be able to use some of these funds to make the second location a reality.

- 7. Coordinators Report - Bessinger made notice of all the work Vander Stel has been doing. Vander Stel then pointed out that it wasn’t just all her and thanked her staff for all their hard work keeping the community active.
- 8. Advisory Board Comments or Suggestions –
Belter- Unable to attend October 22 meeting.
Mulligan- mentioned the baseball field at Robinson recently received a really good face lift and it looks great. Vander Stel noted that she submitted a letter of support from NORA to the Grand Haven Community Foundation. Another excellent reason to have this collaborative effort with all the municipalities. Grant request like it when there is a show of groups working together.
Bessinger- Noted the letter to the editor that mentioned NORA.
Hutchins, Hunter, Truetler, Kuck- No comments.
- 9. Public Comments
- 10. Next Scheduled Meeting: October 22, 2015, 5:30 P.M. at the ESC.
- 11. Adjournment 6:20pm

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

Approved Minutes Date:_____

NORA Board of Trustee Secretary Signature:_____