

NORTHWEST OTTAWA RECREATION AUTHORITY

Grand Haven Area Public Schools

1415 Beechtree Street, Grand Haven, MI 49417

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NORA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 24, 2019 **Time:** 5:30 P.M. **Location:** 1415 Beechtree St., Grand Haven

1. Call to order: Chairperson Bessinger 5:30pm
2. Present: Ron Redick, Grand Haven Twp. Mary Jane Belter, Grand Haven Twp.
 Kathy Kuck, Robinson Twp. Eric Hayward, Robinson Twp.
 Geri McCaleb, Grand Haven Taylor Schriber, Grand Haven
 Scott Blease, Ferrysburg Craig Bessinger, Ferrysburg
 Chris Streng, GHAPS

Absent: None

Also Present: Jackie Rowland, NORA Interim Coordinator
 Liza Dora, NORA Assistant

The Board welcomed Chris Streng, GHAPS to our board.

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda. Add public comments as 3.A. Motion by Redick, second by McCaleb. Approved unanimously.

A. Public Comments - none

4. Approval of Consent Agenda. Motion by Belter, second by McCaleb. Approved unanimously.

A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of November 29, 2018 as printed.

B. Financial Reports

1. November 30, 2018 NORA Financial Report
2. December 31, 2018 NORA Financial Report
3. December 31, 2018 Activity Fund Balance Report
4. Chris Christiansen Financial Report- not available

5. Old Business

A. Municipal Approval of First Amended Articles of Incorporation. Rowland reminded board that only Ferrysburg has signed. She reminded board members to bring articles to their municipal boards for approval and then Rowland will bring original copy to each municipal leader to sign. Once all signatures are obtained GHAPS will be last to sign and they will send to State. Kuck reminded Rowland to add "and section of Precinct 3" to Robinson area on document. Rowland will include correction and email revised copy for board members.

B. Local Recreation Collaboration Update- Rowland reported that YMCA, Four Pointes, SLARA met in November and had scheduled to meet again in December but postponed due to illnesses. Rescheduled for February 27. She also said that she met with Coil, new CEO of YMCA at YMCA for tour and more positive discussions.

C. Recreation Taskforce Update- McCaleb and Kuck reported that the Taskforce met on January 10 and that NORA, YMCA, Four Pointe, SLARA and Community Foundation were all present. YMCA brought new CEO, Greg Coil, Four Pointes brought their new director, Jesse Riley. It was a good meeting. Four Pointes has reached 50 years of service to the community, YMCA has had a grand opening of new section. There were great discussions about collaborations and they will continue to talk about more opportunities. They want to know how many volunteers NORA is using and what they are doing. They want all the boards to meet together. They will continue to meet but will change to 4 times a year. McCaleb stated they are off to a good start on ways to collaborate. Epplert, SLARA stated that they are turning a profit. They are now rebranding with new logo. Stated new leadership will allow you freshen things up.

6. New Business - None

7. Coordinators Report – Bessinger stated that it looks like NORA has been busy. Great job to Rowland.

8. Advisory Board Comments or Suggestions.

Belter -asked about how the interview process was going for a new director. Bessinger stated nothing right now due to holidays and vacation of GH City HR director. Interview committee is Kuck and Schriber now that Treutler has left the board. Belter wants an email update of what GH City HR Department's findings have been on setting things up with job title, job description, pay range.

Blease -stated that he has a friend that is a member of SLARA that he really likes it.

McCaleb -stated that she looking to the future and that we need a person in place so we can move forward to be able to go for a millage.

Streng -is happy to serve.

Hayward -stated good job on the coordinators report.

Bessinger -thanked Rowland and Dora for all their work.

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10. Adjournment 6:15

Craig Bessinger Date Approved 3-28-19
NORA Board of Trustee Secretary Acting

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