

NORTHWEST OTTAWA RECREATION AUTHORITY

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NORA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 23, 2023

Time: 5:30 P.M.

Location: ESC Building (GHAPS)

1. Call to order: Chairperson – Taylor Schriber, GHAPS

2. Present: Ron Redick, Grand Haven Twp.
Rick Mikkelson – Robinson Twp
Ryan Cummings, Grand Haven
William Montgomery, Ferrysburg
Craig Bessinger, Ferrysburg
Marc Eickholt, GHAPS
Taylor Schriber, GHAPS
Jackie Rowland – NORA
Chris Van Hekken – NORA

Absent: Mary Jane Belter – Grand Haven Twp
Frank Johnson – Robinson Twp
Rebecca Hopp – At Large

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Motion by Redick, 2nd - Cummins. Approved unanimously

4. Approval of Consent Agenda – Motion by Redick, 2nd -Montgomery Approved unanimously

A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2022 as printed.

B. Financial Reports:

1. 2021-2022 NORA Audit
2. January & February 2023 Financials – Revenue & Expense Sheet

6. New Business

A. Winter programming updates – Programs/classes/camps

- Update from NORA staff regarding the winter programs. Enrollment was up in several classes – archery, basketball, dance, pickleball. Masquerade Dance was a very successful event with over 100 families attending. New adult leagues for dodgeball & basketball also formed this winter. Pickleball attendance averages 45 participants each day at White Pines.

B. Staffing – 2023 planning

- Staff has 3 fulltime employees currently and is filling out the summer staff at this time. Our goal is to have 15 camp counselors and 5 more part time instructors for summer classes & camps.

C. Spring/Summer Planning

- Middle school sports (baseball, softball, lacrosse) kick off next week. Tennis, volleyball & Track begin once Spring Break is over for 5/6th grade students. Archery competitive team will begin practice on April 17. Adult softball starts in one month, with beach volleyball & kickball starting in June. Rec Summer school registration is underway with about 33% of the spots filled already. Camp will begin on June 12.

D. Chris Christiansen Youth Scholarship

- Annual scholarship letter was received by NORA.
- Motion by Redick to approve. 2nd by Eickolt. Board approved unanimously.

6. Old Business

A. Grand Haven City Appointed Board Member Opening –

- Discussions with city manager & mayor to fill open seat

B. Kennari Consulting updates/ NORA next steps

- Launch the first mailing campaign in April.

7. Public Comments – N/A

8. Advisory Board Comments – Cummins commented about how staff has adapted and adjusted to meet families needs in our community. Schriber echoed those comments and thanked staff for their hard work and dedication.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting – April 27, 2023

10. Adjournment – 6:48pm

Mary Jane Becker

25 April 2023