NORTHWEST OTTAWA RECREATION AUTHORITY  
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NORA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: January 23, 2020   Time: 5:30pm   Location: 1415 Beechtree, Grand Haven

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Craig Bessinger 5:30pm

2. Present:  
   Ron Redick, Grand Haven Twp.  
   Kathy Kuck, Robinson Twp.  
   Ryan Cummins, Grand Haven  
   Chris Streng, GHAPS  
   Rebecca Hopp, Ferrysburg  
   Mary Jane Belter, Grand Haven Twp.  
   Eric Hayward, Robinson Twp.  
   Geri McCaleb, Grand Haven  
   Taylor Schriber, GHAPS  
   Craig Bessinger, Ferrysburg  
   Vacant, Member At Large

   Absent:  None

   Also Present: Chris Van Hekken, Director  
   Liza Dora, Assistant  
   Jackie Rowland, Program Coordinator  
   Tessa Hollister, Intern

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda. Motion by Belter, second by Kuck. Approved unanimously.

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

   A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes  
      a. November 21, 2019 as printed

   B. Financial Reports  
      1. December 31, 2019 NORA Financial Report. Van Hekken mentioned that the City's Professional Fees have been lowered and this will be reflected in the next budget revision.

      2. December 31, 2019 Activity Fund Balance Report

6. Old Business  
   A. Millage Discussion – Van Hekken updated the board regarding our progress on millage planning. Each municipality would determine if the tax would go on the winter or summer tax role.

      Bessinger recommended that we go .25 mil for 6 years. A resolution has been drafted and read at this time.

      Bessinger asked if the board was ready to vote on the resolution tonight or table it until the March meeting. Redick pointed out that we would be running out of time to not make a decision now. Board voted on the resolution and it passed unanimously.

7. Director's Report. Van Hekken explained that staff was shown new software that the Ottawa County Parks office that they will be rolling out for all their parks and marina slips reservations. It is a large software and it was all inclusive. He will be viewing software at the
MParks Conference next week for our programming but this would be a good way for renting facility.

8. New Business
   A. NORA Intern. Hollister introduced herself and told a little about her background.
   B. Member at Large openings – Van Hekken will be having a conversation with Baumann, Supervisor, Port Sheldon Township.

9. Public Comments—Mike Dora said he was glad to hear that the millage proposal is moving forward.

10. Advisory Board Comments or Suggestions –
    ▪ Taylor was also glad that this resolution is approved.
    ▪ Redick commended Van Hekken for working toward collaboration with the YMCA
    ▪ Beltter stated the need to work toward a relationship with the Spring Lake community.
    ▪ Hayward is also happy with what’s happening here. He did thanked NORA staff for coming out and seeing the drop in volleyball program and finding a way to keep the men’s programs alive.
    ▪ McCaleb stated that she likes what she’s seeing from the reports that Van Hekken has been presenting. Things are looking much better.
    ▪ Streng commended that he is seeing new ways to help families be able to afford to do extra things.
    ▪ Cummins thanked the board for getting him all up to speed. It’s great that we talked about millage at my first meeting.
    ▪ Kuck stated she is really happy to hear where we’re going.
    ▪ Beltter likes what she is seeing.
    ▪ Bessinger thanked everyone for getting this resolution approved.

11. Next Scheduled Meeting: March 19, 2020

12. Adjournment 6:40pm

[Signature] Date Approved 4-23-20

NORA Board of Trustee Secretary Signature