NORTHWEST OTTAWA RECREATION AUTHORITY
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NORA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date: April 23, 2020 Time: 6:00 P.M Location: ZOOM Meeting

1. Call to order: Chairperson Craig Bessinger – 6pm

Ryan Cummins, Grand Haven Craig Bessinger, Ferrysburg
Chris Streng, GHAPS Rebecca Hopp, Ferrysburg
Eric Hayward, Robinson Twp

Also Present: Chris Van Hekken – Director
Jackie Rowland – Program Coordinator
Tessa Hollister – NORA Intern

Absent: Geri McCaleb, Grand Haven
Ron Redick, GH Twp.
Taylor Schriber, GHAPS

3. New Business

a. Approval of Chris Christiansen Scholarship Grant:
   -Motion by Belter, second by Kuck. Approved unanimously

b. Approval of Paycheck Protection Loan
   -Motion by Belter, second by Kuck. Approved unanimously

4. Old Business

   a. Millage Discussion – Discussion surrounding the August 4th NORA Operational
      millage was discussed given the economic conditions we are currently facing. The
      Operational millage has passed all four municipal boards (unanimously) in the past two
      months. Discussion from board members centered on whether to postpone the campaign
      until November or wait two more years. Belter had concern over asking the voters for millage
      at this time. Cummings pointed out that this is a decision that needs to be left to the voters
      and people need recreation now more than ever. Van Hekken was asked by Bessinger if he
      felt there is enough time to campaign and get the word out regarding the millage with
      businesses & schools currently shutdown. Van Hekken felt this time can be used effectively
      to plan and reach families in our community to inform voters of the our millage. Board
      ultimately decided to continue the millage campaign for August 4, 2020.

5. NORA Operations Update – Director: Van Hekken asked Jackie Rowland to update the
   board on families that we are helping serve with recreational equipment during this time. We have
   reached over 40 families. Also NORA has donated shirts that are being used by local healthcare
   workers for protective masks. The staff has done a great job in communicating with families
   regarding class schedules and upcoming plans for the summer.
6. Public Comments/Emails - None

7. Advisory Board Comments or Suggestions –
   - Streng – Thanks to the staff for all the work during the shutdown
   - Kuck – Thanked the staff for the work
   - Cummings – Thanked staff, wished everyone well
   - Hayward – Thanked staff for the work they are doing
   - Bessinger – Thanked staff for communication and work being done

8. Next Scheduled Meeting: June 4, 2020

9. Adjournment – 7:15pm

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Approved by NORA Board Trustee Secretary

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