

NORTHWEST OTTAWA RECREATION AUTHORITY

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NORA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 27, 2022 **Time:** 5:30 P.M. **Location.:** ESC Building (GHAPS)

1. Call to order: Vice Chairperson – Taylor Schriber – GHAPS
2. Present: Mary Jane Belter, Grand Haven Twp.
Frank Johnson - Robinson Twp.
Ryan Cummings, Grand Haven
Craig Bessinger, Ferrysburg
Chris Van Hekken - NORA
Rebecca Hopp - At Large
Rick Mikkelson – Robinson Twp

Absents: Chris Streng – GHAPS
Ron Redick – GH Twp
William Montgomery - Ferrysburg
3. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Motion by Hopp, 2nd by Cummings. Approved unanimously
4. Approval of Consent Agenda – Motion by Belter, 2nd by Hopp. Approved unanimously
 - A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2022 as printed.
 - B. Financial Reports:
 1. September 2022 Financials – Revenue & Expense Sheet
5. New Business
 - A. Summer Recap – VanHekken highlighted the programs & registrations. For adults beach volleyball, kickball & softball were all very successful. Softball fields are in good shape. Adult softball maxes out at 20 teams due to field availability. For Youth – Archery increased registrations, sailing had over 50 youth registered and tennis went well. 25 kids from Grand Haven participated in the collaborative track meet in Zeeland. Rec Summer School was at capacity with staff, locations & budget. There were 100 kids on the waiting list that could not be accomodated this year. The hope is with additional funding, passage of the millage, there will be an increase in participants & sites in 2023.

- B. Fall Programming – Updates – 5 weeks were added for beach volleyball this year and there 20 teams participating in adult softball leagues. Pickleball is happening at Mulligan's Hollow and is being instructed by the Lakeshore Pickleball group. Archery has over 80 kids this fall, Cross Country has 40 kids participating and there are 130 girls playing 4-6th grade basketball this fall. 9 of our programs have waiting lists and the need for additional funding for staff is paramount.
- C. Funding Development – Contract has been signed between NORA & Kennari Consulting. Kennari will be working with VanHekken to get an overview of operations and begin cultivating a funding development plan. Meeting with GHACF has taken place as well about a potential role in future fund development.

6. Old Business

- A. Grand Haven City Appointed Board Member Opening – VanHekken has had discussions with GH city manager to resolve this vacancy. Hope is to have filled by the end of November.
- B. NORA Millage – Johnson & Mikkelson from Robinson Twp have been actively contacting residents. Several community members are not aware that NORA is not part of the GHAPS budget.

7. Public Comments - NA

- 8. Advisory Board Comments – Comments from the board were positive surrounding the Summer & Fall programming. Also to pursue the funding consultant and technical assistance grants.

9. Next Scheduled Meeting – December 15, 2022

- 10. Adjournment – Cummings moved, Hopp second. Approved unanimously

Mary Jane Belter
NORA Secretary

15 Dec 2022
Date