



RECAUTHORITY
TRAVERSE CITY / GARFIELD TOWNSHIP

Minutes

The City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority Board of Directors

January 5, 2022

A regular meeting of the Recreational Authority Board of Directors was called to order in the Second Floor Training Room, Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m.

The following Directors were present, constituting a quorum: Laura Ness, Chair; Michael Groleau, Secretary; Tim Hughes, Treasurer; and Steve Duell.

The following Directors were absent (excused): Lindsay Erreca; Chris Sullivan; and Ashlea Walter.

Chair Ness presided at the meeting.

1.

The first item being “Public Comment,” Chair Ness introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

None.

2.

The next item being “Election of officers for 2022,” Chair Ness introduced this matter. The following individual addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director

Chair Ness opened the floor for nominations.



Duell nominated Laura Ness as Chair, Michael Groleau as Secretary, and Tim Hughes as Treasurer.

Moved by Duell, seconded by Hughes, that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Laura Ness as Chair, Michael Groleau as Secretary, and Tim Hughes as Treasurer.

CARRIED.

3.

The next item being the “Consent Calendar,” Chair Ness introduced this matter. The following individual addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director

Moved by Hughes, seconded by Groleau, that the Consent Calendar be approved as presented:

- a) That the minutes of the regular meeting of December 1, 2021, be approved.
- b) That the report regarding payment of expenditures be received and filed.

CARRIED.

4.

The next item being “Items removed from the Consent Calendar,” Chair Ness introduced this matter.

None.

5.

The next item being “Discussion of a concert series with the Traverse



Symphony Orchestra at Historic Barns Park,” Chair Ness introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director
Stephanie Wiitala, S2S Events
Kedrik Merwin, Traverse Symphony Orchestra

No action was taken.

6.

The next item being “Consideration of updates to the rental contract at Historic Barns Park,” Chair Ness introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director
Stephanie Wiitala, S2S Events

No action was taken.

7.

The next item being “Updates on recognition of service to the Board of Directors,” Chair Ness introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director

No action was taken.

8.

The next item being “Updates on storm damage and repairs,” Chair Ness introduced this matter. The following individual addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director



Moved by Groleau, seconded by Hughes, that competitive bidding be waived and the Board authorize the expenditure of \$3,000, more or less, for roofing repairs at Historic Barns Park; and that the Executive Director be authorized to file an insurance claim for said repairs.

CARRIED.

9.

The next item being “Review of goals in the 5-Year Recreation Plan,” Chair Ness introduced this matter. The following individual addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director

No action was taken.

10.

The next item being “Consideration of 2022 Annual Goals from Management Entities at Historic Barns Park (Botanic Garden, SEEDS, TC Community Garden),” Chair Ness introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director

Moved by Hughes, seconded by Duell, that the 2022 annual goals and benchmarks for TC Community Garden, the Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park and SEEDS be adopted.

CARRIED.

11.

The next item being “Reports,” Chair Ness introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director



Luke Kreykes, GTCD
Stephanie Wiitala, S2S Events
Zach Millican, TCCG
Sarna Salzman, SEEDS

No action was taken.

12.

The next item being “Public comment,” Chair Ness introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

None.

There being no objection, Chair Ness declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Matt Cowall, Executive Director