

Minutes for Norwich Baseball Stadium Authority
Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, March 9, 2015, (6 P.M.)
City Hall, Norwich, CT

1. Call to order. Chairperson Mike Jewell **MJ** (6:00pm)

NBSA Members Present: Michael Jewell **MJ**, Tom Cummings **TC**, Gary Schnip **GS**, Robert Reed **RR**, Sean Ryan **SR**, Gary Carignan **GC**, Matthew Fortin **MF**, Bob Demars **BD**

Members Absent: Peter Slocum **PS**

Also Present: Eric Knighton **EK**, David Schermerhorn **DS**– CT Tigers Reps.

2. Review of February 10, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion made to accept by **SR**. 2nd by **TC**. Unanimously approved (7-0).
3. Public Comment – State Representative Emmett Riley commended the NBSA for being proactive with the new MLB safety recommendations regarding fan safety with expanded netting
4. Chairman Reports: none
5. Correspondence
 - a. Sent: none
 - b. Received – Emmett Reilly Testimony letter regarding MLB safety measures dated March 9, 2016
 - c. Email from Assistant City Clerk, Roseanne Muscarella regarding procedures for Boards & Commissions in the City of Norwich dated February 17, 2016.
6. Budget Committee: Sandra Kuchta sent the Stadium Authority financials to all members of the NBSA and they were. Motion to accept by **RR**. 2nd by **GS**. Passed (7-0) unanimously approved
7. Operations Committee (**GS/Organization Representatives**):
 - a. **GS** received a proposal from structural engineering firm, E2 Engineers of New London for specification and development of proposal for options on how the safety netting could be secured to comply with the new MLB recommended additional safety netting. **GS** felt that the price received was too high. **GS** to reach out to Silva engineering firm from Willimantic, CT for an engineering study proposal. **TC** will work with **GS** on the review of any engineering proposal.
 - b. **EK** will continue to reach out to other clubs to see if they have design, expected costs and timelines to work from for our project. The Tigers West Michigan affiliate is currently under way with their implementation. The goal of the NBSA is to have all necessary efforts completed and the netting in place by the start of the season. This is also believed to be a highly ambitious endeavor with all the steps required.
8. Organization's Monthly Report **EK**
 - a. Old Renaissance castle still in back parking lot. Working on getting removed.
 - b. City water has been turned on in the stadium for the 2016 season.
 - c. NFA and St Bernard's will again be using Dodd Stadium for their home baseball games

9. Old Business:

- a. NBSA has not received any response to the Capital improvement recommendations letter dated November 18, 2015 sent to John Bilda and City Council.
- b. Discussion to allow **MJ** to send a 3rd letter requesting a meeting to discuss proposed maintenance items with City Council, Mayor and/or City Manager. Motion made by **GS**, 2nd by **SR**. Passed by a unanimous (7-0) vote.
- c. Net issue addressed earlier
- d. Next meeting will be April 13, 2016 at City Hall.

10. New Business:

- a. The financial responsibility for the dumpsters and compactor to be taken over by CT Tigers. This was previously paid by the City of Norwich under the city wide rubbish contract previously held by Sterling Superior.

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by **SR**. 2nd by **BD**. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm

Submitted by: Gary Carignan