

SOUTHERN LAKES REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Thursday, November 17th, 2016
6:00pm
150 S. Leroy St.
Fenton, MI 48430

Call to Order

Chairperson, Ray Culbert called to order at 6:15pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Present: Ray Culbert, Shaun Shumaker, Brad Dick, David McDermott

Excused: Bob Krug, Pat Lockwood

Roll Call: Mr. Culbert declared there was a quorum with four board members.

Staff Present: Vince Paris, Shirley Ciofu

Public Present: None

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Approval of October 27th, 2016 Regular Board meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
 - Bills paid prior to November 17th, 2016 in the amount of \$54,349.14

Motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Dick to approve the consent agenda.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Call to the Audience: None

Programmers Report: Mr. Cypher highlighted the youth tackle football program noting the program's fundraising efforts would cover last year's losses and they will end the year with a positive fund balance of about \$1,500. Fundraising was discussed and Mr. Cypher stated future funds will be 'separated' between cheer and football. He also noted that SLPR is looking into forming a league of our own and he's currently in discussions with Linden, Mt. Morris, Flushing, Clio, Davison and Fenton. A discussion followed. The SLPR F.A.S.T Tiger Sharks will be hosting its annual swim meet in December. The meet is the team's major fundraiser for the year which helps offset travel and meet expenses. Also discussed was the new 6th grade boy's basketball league which SLPR will form in January.

Director Report: Mr. Paris asked the board to add an action item to the agenda to accept the separation request made by the Keepers of the Shiawassee.

Motion by Mr. Shumaker, seconded by Mr. Dick to amend the agenda to include the additional action item.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Mr. Paris stated the Keepers of the Shiawassee had asked SLPR to be under the umbrella of SLPR as a recreational program, but have now decided to separate from the organization. The Keepers prepared a letter to the Board stating they appreciate the opportunities but determined SLPR's prudent fund procedures were too limiting. He also noted the Keepers would like to maintain a cooperative relationship with SLPR. A discussion followed re: requiring future partnerships to sign a letter of understanding or SLPR's Trust and Agency agreement. It was the Board's consensus that SLPR will continue to show support for these types of organizations as long as the groups are structured with a board and charter or by laws.

Motion by Mr. Culbert, seconded by Mr. McDermott to approve the separation request by the Keepers of the Shiawassee per their November 10, 2016 Letter to the Board of Commissioner and pay their total fund balance of \$4,788.22

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Mr. Paris also discussed the sale of the 2001 Pick up truck. A discussion followed. He also noted the City of Linden commissioners' terms were ending in December and that a letter would be sent to the City asking for appointment/reappointment. He also noted the Winter/Spring brochure would be delivered on December 10th and a kiosk would be put outside the Fenton Community Center which would hold brochures.

Accounting Report: Ms. Ciofu reported RFP's for the audit were sent to three local auditing firms as requested. Two bids were received: Plante Moran and Lewis/Knopf. Ms. Ciofu recommended extending Lewis/Knopf's contract and accepting their bid which is considerably lower.

Motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Dick to approve the three year contract to the auditing firm of Lewis/Knopf at the following rates: 2016 \$6,850; 2017 \$7,000; 2018 \$7,150.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Commissioners Comment:

Mr. McDermott gave an update on LAFF stating the City of Fenton is in favor of supporting the trailways project. He also noted the meeting he attended with the Fenton School Superintendent, Athletic Director, Maintenance Director, and Mr. Paris regarding the ball fields stating the baseball league has a Letter of Understanding and will have use of the fields at the Ellen Street Campus for the cost of \$1/year and do the field maintenance. A discussion followed regarding the relationship between SLPR and Fenton Schools. Mr. Paris was asked to provide Mr. Hartley, Fenton School Superintendent with background information on the Community Education transition that occurred with his predecessor and that relationship from a financial perspective.

Mr. Culbert also gave an update on LAFF stating the City of Linden was in favor as well.

Mr. Shumaker noted Fenton Township was also in support of LAFF but had concerns about certain areas of the trails which wouldn't leave many places for people to drop their bikes. He also discussed winter sports opportunities at Mt. Holly and noted area ski clubs that SLPR could partner with in programming.

Mr. Dick handed out the Executive Directors annual evaluation to the board asking that they complete the form and return it to him by the end of November.

Next Meeting:

Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, December 15th, 2016 (3rd Thursday) at 1:30pm at the Fenton Community Center.

Adjournment

Chairperson Culbert adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary, Shirley Ciofu