

SOUTHERN LAKES REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Thursday, March 24th, 2016
6:00pm
150 S. Leroy St.
Fenton, MI 48430

Call to Order

Chairperson, Ray Culbert called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Present: Ray Culbert, Shaun Shumaker, Patricia Lockwood, Robert Krug, David McDermott, Brad Dick
Roll Call: Mr. Culbert declared there was a quorum with Six board members.
Staff Present: Vince Paris, Shirley Ciofu, Harrison Cypher, Cathy O’Bee
Public Present: Vic Lukasavitz, Ron Stack, Susan Shaw
Theresa Pardington and Jeff Hultta (Nowak & Fraus) and Jacob Maurer (GCMPC)

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Approval of January 28th, 2015 Regular Board meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer’s Report:
 - Bills paid prior to the February 25th, 2016 meeting \$40,642.16
 - Bills paid prior to the March 24th, 2016 meeting \$55,004.28

Moved by: Ms. Lockwood; seconded by Mr. Dick to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Programmers Report: Mr. Cypher highlighted the Mother/Son Dance stating staff had made significant changes by removing the cap on attendance and including flower corsages for the moms. There were 230 in attendance, up from 50 from the previous two years. He also highlighted the upcoming Tour du Lac bike-a-thon and Detroit Lions Summer Camp, both new to SLPR this year. He also noted the fitness fundraiser for equipment and the LAFF trailways project as well as the success of the Lacrosse and AAU programs.

LAFF Trailways Presentation and Resolution: Mr. Lukasavitz introduced the representatives of the engineer firm Nowak & Fraus who are consulting on the trailways project free of charge. Together they made a presentation of the phases of development. He also gave an overview of the project including meetings with the City Managers of Fenton and Linden and the Fenton Township supervisor stating all showed interest. Mr. Lukasavitz described the survey and the amount of public interest in the project to which he noted a data base has been created that will sort the supporters by area. He stated the resolution is asking for SLPR to have signing authority for a preliminary engineering study and that there is no fiscal responsibility or financial impact to SLPR as all funds are secure at the CFGF. Mr. Lukasavitz stated there was \$25,000 in the CFGF construction fund and \$12,000 in an endowed maintenance fund. Mr. Krug asked for the copies of bids from the other engineering firms and expressed concerns over local interest and how the project would be funded. Mr. Shumaker asked that the resolution be reviewed first by SLPR’s attorney. Ms. Lockwood explained the initial project resolutions were presented to all municipalities back in 2009 & 2010 and all passed unanimously. She also noted the SLPR sub-committee had met and recommend moving

forward. It was the board's consensus to first present the resolution and the motion to SLPR attorney before voting. The action was tabled and Mr. Paris was asked to have a written opinion drafted.

Director Report: Mr. Paris noted his meetings with the superintendents of Fenton and Lake Fenton Schools to discuss the upcoming renewal of the letters of understanding stating the purpose of the meetings was to discuss a multi-year agreement. He reported Mr. Wright would rather wait until next year to discuss, but did state rates would remain the same and Mr. Busch stated he would take the request to the Fenton School board. Mr. Paris also stated the SLPR Annual Report would be presented to the school boards and the municipalities in the next couple months.

Accounting Report: Ms. Ciofu described how the recreation program's designated funds would be presented describing the journal entries that were made to set up the funds as holding accounts on the balance sheet. She also noted the affect it will have on the overall fund equity balance. Ms. Ciofu stated the first quarter check to the Loose Senior Center would be issued on March 29th in the amount of \$18,857.50

Committee Reports:

Tech: Mr. McDermott said the committee met to discuss the possibility of replacing ActiveNet with a less expensive on line registration system noting staff is doing a more thorough research and an informed decision will be postponed. It was the committee's consensus to only review web based systems.

Personnel: Mr. Dick said the committee had met to discuss staff increases and the Director's comments regarding his review and IDP. He also stated the IDP would be reviewed quarterly and he will work with Mr. Paris on fine-tuning the IDP tool and have it ready by next meeting.

Operations: Ms. Lockwood stated the committee would meet after the holiday. Mr. Paris noted that a review of the goals and objectives was in order and Ms. Lockwood agreed there should be some action on some things in the next year.

Commissioners Comments:

Mr. Shumaker noted concerns over the football program numbers stating we should look at ways to grow the numbers or adjust the budget to reflect the drop in revenue proposed.

Mr. Krug stated he and the board can look to the Charter as to how SLPR's resources can be used to go into other communities.

Ms. Lockwood discussed the Fenton Little League sign and the confusion over it being moved. Mr. Shumaker stated he doesn't like SLPR as facility managers because it's SLPR that gets the 'black eye' on any facility issue. Ms. Lockwood also noted some parents approached her regarding non-resident rates for Tyrone Township to whom she advised they should talk to their Township board. Ms. Lockwood also ask the finance committee meet to discuss scholarships.

Next Meeting;

Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, April 28th , 2016 at 6:00pm at the Fenton Community Center

Adjournment

Chairperson Culbert adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary, Shirley Ciofu