

SOUTHERN LAKES REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Thursday, July 27th, 2017
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, David McDermott, Brad Dick,

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

Staff Present: Vince Paris, Shirley Ciofu

Public Present: Teresa Ciesielski, Jeff Huhta, Paul Zelenac, Kim Virkler, Jesse Anderson, Ron Stack

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Approval of June 22nd, 2017 Regular Board meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
 - Bills paid prior to July 27th, 2017 in the amount of \$110,918.28 as presented

Motion by Mr. Culbert, seconded by Mr. Dick to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Call to the Audience: None

Board members, Patricia Lockwood and Rob Kesler arrived.

Presentation: Ron Stack, LAFF Pathway Chairperson

Mr. Stack introduced himself and other members of the LAFF Board/Committee who were present. Mr. Stack stated he is asking for SLPR to take on the role as signature for the pathway project– and everything that accompanies that duty. He stated trails are the number one request from people who visit his bike shop. Funding the pathway construction was discussed with an overall cost of about \$10,000,000, which Mr. Huhta, NF Engineer, had broken down into preliminary estimates for each of the three main sections of the proposed path. Mr. Stack also stated that if SLPR agreed to become the pathway sponsor via a special millage, it would then be the 'defacto' owner of the project. Two options were presented to the board for consideration: 1) SLPR becomes signature authority for the project, or 2) SLPR requests Genesee County Parks for assistance where tasks and ownership would be decided. Mr. Stack also noted that the County would not move or act on the project until SLPR contacts them. A discussion followed re: easements; property values; grant funding; maintenance funding; and SLPR board concerns. Members noted concerns over the cost, SLPR's facility needs, and other municipalities' needs.

It was the board's consensus to take time to meet with the County, members of the municipalities involved, and listen to other presenters. Everyone was in agreement that a timeline was necessary before moving forward and all liked the idea of the trails.

Director's Report: Mr. Paris noted the fall brochure was in full swing with the staff reviewing the first draft. He also noted the board has a draft copy of the new Loose agreement with a timeline for review with the Programs & Operations committee at the end of August. Mr. Paris also noted the success of Artwalk and SLPR's role in the management of the program with a grant from the Fenton DDA.

Accounting Report: Ms. Ciofu reported the second quarter payroll tax returns had been filed. She also noted the annual delinquent property tax appropriations were received from the County and deposited. Ms. Ciofu outlined some of the program swings noting Drivers Ed, AAU Volleyball, Fitness, and Youth Basketball have seen an increase in revenue and program offerings. She also noted the aquatics program would be down overall with the loss of the swim team and the decrease in pool time for instructional lessons. Bills paid for the month were higher than usual due to the timing of the due dates/payments.

Committee Reports: Programs & Operations reported they have given the Loose Agreement to the Loose finance committee who have not yet brought before their board.

Commissioner's Comments:

Ms. Lockwood noted the success of the Sand Volleyball program and stated participants have concerns/complaints about having to pay to use the park. A discussion followed re: waiving the park fees and SLPR staff working with the City to accommodate its program participants.

Mr. Shumaker suggested SLPR staff look to local businesses for volleyball courts to use for the program.

Mr. McDermott suggested SLPR staff make requests to the City early.

Mr. Culbert noted the success of the Linden Farmer's Market at its new location. He also noted he would not be in attendance at the August meeting, asking Ms. Lockwood to officiate.

Next Meeting;

Regular Board Meeting: Thursday August 24th, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Fenton Community Center

Adjournment

Chairperson Culbert adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary, Shirley Ciofu