

SOUTHERN LAKES REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Thursday, August 25th, 2016
12:00pm
150 S. Leroy St.
Fenton, MI 48430

Call to Order

Chairperson, Ray Culbert called to order at 12:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Present: Ray Culbert, Shaun Shumaker, Patricia Lockwood, Robert Krug, Brad Dick, David McDermott
Roll Call: Mr. Culbert declared there was a quorum with Six board members.
Staff Present: Vince Paris, Shirley Ciofu
Public Present: Names on record

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Approval of July 28th, 2016 Regular Board meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
 - Bills paid prior to the August 25th, 2016 in the amount \$ 31,269.95

Mr. Paris stated a change to the agenda with the addition of 2016 Millage Rate approval (L4029) and the Resolution of Support of the LAFF Trailways project.

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

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Call to the Audience: No comment at this time.

Programmers Report: Mr. Paris discussed the success of the Tour Des Lac bike event noting there were 240 participants. He also discussed both the Linden and Fenton Back to the Bricks events and the great job staff did planning and communicating with City Police and officials making this year the best so far. Mr. Krug stated for the record that there have been no special events "staged" in Fenton Township. A discussion followed regarding concerts and fall Farmer's Market. It was the board's consensus to set up a meeting with SLPR staff, SLPR Township Commissioners, and the Township Supervisor to discuss event planning.

Mr. Paris also noted the delivery and distribution of the Fall brochure was underway. Mr. Dick and Mr. Krug applauded Harrison Cypher's work in planning the Lion's Football Camp.

Accounting Report: Ms. Ciofu presented the L4029 stating Peggy Nolde, Director – Genesee County Equalization Dept. – had reviewed the report and verified the figures. Ms. Ciofu stated the Headlee Millage Reduction Fraction had decreased as the taxable values had increased and the millage levy would be calculated at .3678 mils. This would give SLPR estimated operating funds for 2017 of about \$409,000 – up from \$397,000 estimated in 2016.

Moved by: Ms. Lockwood; seconded by Mr. Dick to accept the L4029 and millage levy as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Ms. Ciofu also discussed the budget process noting a meeting with the Finance Chair and then the Finance Committee was requisite. She also noted the Finance Committee would be meeting to discuss the swim parent concerns regarding non resident rates and another meeting with the Tech Committee was requested to finalize the recommendation on ActiveNet vs Rec 1 on line registration.

Director Report: Mr. Paris noted the MCACA grant would supplement the dance recital and will go before that committee on September 9th. He also noted the Loose grant document was almost final. He also discussed the need for a policy to support the established designated fund for equipment and facility stating it would be reviewed by Finance first then go to Policy for recommendation to the Board in September. Mr. Paris reminded the Board it was time to start planning the Goals and Objectives for 2017 and the staff would begin the process.

Mr. McDermott requested that the September board meeting time be changed to noon.

Motion by: Mr. McDermott, seconded by Ms. Lockwood to change the time of the next board meeting from 6:00pm to 12:00pm

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Item for Discussion: Rolston Road Property

Ms. Lockwood discussed the meetings with the Drain Commission to realize the best use of the river re: the Rolston Road property as a canoe and kayak launch site. She noted that following the Public Forum in July, more issues were presented than first acknowledged – mainly residents (and some members of the Keeper’s group) thought Rolston Road would be the wrong location and pushed for property on Hogan Road to be used as a launch instead. Ms. Lockwood also noted it was apparent that the residents present at the Public Forum see the Hogan Road property as a more feasible launch site than the Rolston Road property, recognizing the Keepers as conflicted between Rolston and Hogan Roads. Her recommendation is to let the public know that SLPR did its best to coordinate with the Keeper’s, the Drain Commission, and Bob Cole of Argentine Township to assist in making the Rolston Road property a launch site, but with the consensus being Hogan Road now, then the Hogan Road property is out of jurisdiction.

Ms. Lockwood also noted the Keepers is a SLPR program and the Board would continue to help support kayak and canoeing, but the funding would be done with fundraising efforts by the Keepers and other volunteers.

Call to the Audience:

Brad Jacobs, Chairman of the Keepers of the Shiawassee Group expressed appreciation to the Board for their time, patients, and efforts noting he was disappointed that any issues with Rolston Road didn’t get addressed before the Public Forum. He also noted that as Chairman on behalf of the Keepers, they are behind the residents and do not see the Rolston Road project moving forward. He also added that preliminary drawings of the launch at Rolston Road had been presented to the Keepers prior to enlisting SLPR as a partner.

Maggie Yerman, member of the Keepers of the Shiawassee Group stated her concerns over financing of any project.

Maurice Ryan, resident thanked the Board for listening to concerns and asked the Board to consider feasible alternatives.

It was the Board's consensus to continue to assist the Keepers and follow up on the possible endowment suggested by one of the land owners. It was also the Board's consensus to see the Keepers continue to pursue other options and create a plan for the future that included fundraising.

Motion by: Ms. Lockwood, seconded by Mr. Dick to recommend that the Rolston Road property is not feasible for a canoe/kayak launch site but that SLPR will continue to work closely with the Keepers on fundraising and will maintain a relationship with the Drain Commission.

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Mr. Paris was asked to advise Bob Cole of Argentine Township of the change in plan.

Item for Discussion: LAFF Trailways – Resolution of Support

Ms. Lockwood gave a brief overview of the relationship to the LAFF group stating they approached the board with a plan to do a preliminary engineering study. SLPR was advised not to proceed unless LAFF had its own liability insurance. LAFF took their plan to the Genesee County Parks and Recreation which will be the recipient of a grant to pay for the cost of the preliminary engineering study. Ms. Lockwood noted the committee met with the GCPR to discuss roles and that the GCPR only wants a resolution from the SLPR Board expressing support. She also stated there is no financial obligation. A discussion followed. Mr. Shumaker expressed concern stating SLPR does not own any of the properties therefore should not be involved. Ms. Lockwood stated the municipalities have already expressed support and after this pre engineering study is performed, then it would be up to the municipalities to support it financially. Mr. Paris stated the resolution makes it a county project.

Motion by: Ms. Lockwood, seconded by Mr. Dick to accept the Resolution of Support as presented:

Resolution of Support for the LAFF Pre-Engineering Study
Of
The Silver Lake Road Connector Trail Way

Whereas, Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation supports the efforts of the LAFF Trail Ways Committee to bring a non-motorized trail ways system to the LAFF area,

The SLPR Board of Commissioners hereby supports on this **25th day of August, 2016**, the LAFF Trail Ways Committee's collaboration with Genesee County Parks & Recreation to be the lead agency to contract the Pre-Engineering Study for the "Silver Lake Connector" portion of the trail way.

Roll Call:	Pat Lockwood	Y	Dave McDermott	Y	Brad Dick	Y
	Bob Krug	N	Shaun Shumaker	N	Ray Culbert	Y

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 2 Nays

Commissioners Comments: Mr. Dick and Ms. Lockwood both noted follow up with the non resident concerns was in order. Mr. Krug noted he had met with Mr. Paris and Ms. Ciofu to discuss it and will take it to the finance committee. Mr. Dick would also like to set up a policy committee meeting to discuss the instructor contract.

Next Meeting;

Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, September 22nd, 2016 at 12:00pm at the Fenton Community Center

Adjournment

Chairperson Culbert adjourned the meeting at 1:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary, Shirley Ciofu