

SOUTHERN LAKES REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
**Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**  
**Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**  
**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, Brenda Simons, Scott Grossmeyer, Patricia Lockwood, Rob Kesler

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

Staff Present: Vince Paris, Shirley Ciofu, Kristen Archambeau

Public Present: Ron Stack, Patric Parker

Ms. Lockwood requested an item be added to the agenda for discussion stating LAFF committee members would like to speak on a decision and recommendation from the committee on the trail ways project.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Approval of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Board meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
  - Bills paid prior to February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 in the amount of \$63,310.00

Motion by Ms. Lockwood, seconded by Mr. Shumaker to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

**Programmer's Report:** Ms. Archambeau reported that beginning in Spring, a weekday instructional class will be added to the swim schedule. She also reported that SLPR will be participating in the Fenton Expo again this year. She also shared the Fenton Community Orchestra's event program stating SLPR received great exposure with an ad in the inside cover. Also reported was the Mother/Son dance scheduled in March.

**Director's Report:** Mr. Paris stated staff discussed the highlights and goals that the Marketing committee covered at their last meeting noting a progress report would be forthcoming. He also noted the meeting he had with the three school district's superintendents where he discussed establishing a matching scholarship fund and the school safety plan of which SLPR will receive a copy. Mr. Paris also discussed the new relationship with Randy Wise and SLPR's driver's training program noting he proposes a \$350 scholarship to each school district for students going into the automotive business and has hopes that a matching scholarship would be part of the partnership.

**Accounting Report:** Ms. Ciofu shared statistical data showing the millage progression through the years. She also stated on line registration is up to 68% and in 2017 SLPR retained over \$15,000 in non resident fees as a result of the board decision to reinforce the non resident policy. Also noted was the pre audit year end net income. A discussion followed re: how much to designate to the scholarship, facility, and equipment funds.

**Call to the Audience:** Ms. Lockwood read the excerpt from the September 2017 SLPR meeting minutes where the board approved to become the signature authority for the LAFF railways project. She also added that SLPR would not financially support the millage campaign and that it was understood that the project would depend on LAFF volunteers. Ron Stack, LAFF Chairperson and Patric Parker, LAFF Member spoke on the railway committee's decision to postpone the efforts to go for a millage in 2018. They reported the committee had weighed the pros and cons and will make a recommendation on when to propose a millage. They agreed that they would rather SLPR do the millage than the county. Mr. Culbert recommended the committee contact Sterling Heights – who had recently ran a successful railways millage campaign – to meet and discuss the process. It was the consensus to invite the City Managers and include the municipalities in the discussions. A discussion followed re: scheduling a public meeting and talking to the county to share information.

**Action Item:** Allocation of 2017 net income.

Mr. Paris made a recommendation to move the balance left in the swim team fund into to the scholarship fund in the amount of \$10,380 and then designate \$30,000 to the facility fund and \$20,000 to the equipment fund. Mr. Grossmeyer noted the finance committee had not met and Mr. Culbert suggested a meeting occur before a decision on the designation be made.

The action to allocate income to the funds was tabled until March. Mr. Paris was directed to schedule a meeting with the finance committee.

Ms. Lockwood suggested looking at investing to which Mr. Paris explained there are policy constraints that prevented SLPR from investing in anything high risk. It was suggested that the investment policy be sent to the board for review.

**Committee Reports:**

Ms. Simons and Mr. Shumaker reported the Marketing committee had met. Ms. Simons stated she participated via phone conference and said many interesting topics and ideas were discussed. Mr. Shumaker noted the committee discussed a number of things including Rec1 because the committee also oversees technology.

Ms. Lockwood reported the Operations committee, in conjunction with the railways committee, would have a plan of action in the next couple weeks. She also noted the City of Fenton had not yet passed the resolution re: the Loose agreement.

Mr. Shumaker and Mr. Culbert agreed there should be a review of the goals re: finding a facility and noted Mr. Grossmeyer be included in the discussion so there is representation from each municipality. A discussion followed re: the benefits of one office. Ms. Simons requested opinions be shared and would like to hear from everyone.

**Next Meeting:** Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Fenton Community Center.

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Culbert adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shaun Shumaker, Secretary

Recording Secretary, Shirley Ciofu