

SOUTHERN LAKES REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
**Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**  
**Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**6:00pm**  
**150 S. Leroy St.**  
**Fenton, MI 48430**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson, Ray Culbert called the Meeting to order at 6:04pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Attendance**

Present: Ray Culbert, Shaun Shumaker, Brenda Simons, Scott Grossmeyer, Rob Kesler

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

Staff Present: Vince Paris, Shirley Ciofu

Public Present: None

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Approval of May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Regular Board meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
  - Bills paid prior to June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the amount of \$94,734.80

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

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

**Call to the Audience:** None

**Programmer's Report:** Ms. Ciofu presented the programmer's report and highlighted the upcoming Artwalk, the new Yoga in the Park Summer fitness class, and the AAU Volleyball Regional team's trip to Orlando to compete in the National tournament. Mr. Paris discussed his very popular Petoskey Stone Polishing class. Due to the popularity, another class will be offered. Mr. Culbert asked about the SLPR gymnastics team participation in the Nationals. Mr. Paris will contact SLPR's gymnastic director, Nancy Holden for a full report.

**Director's Report:** Mr. Paris noted he has almost completed his SLPR annual report presentations to the municipalities and school districts stating he will report to the City of Linden in July and has scheduled a presentation to Tyrone Township, with Mr. Culbert as well.

Mr. Paris gave an update on the trail ways project re: the millage and ballot language meetings that he and Ms. Lockwood have attended with Mr. Steve Mann of Cunningham-Limp, who will be writing the ballot language and advising on the millage/bonding process. Mr. Paris stated the fee, should the bond pass, would be 2-4% of the bond amount. If it doesn't pass, then the fee would be an hourly rate paid for by the LAFF group as they agreed. Mr. Paris also explained that SLPR can bond for a maximum of 5 mills and per the Charter, cannot get another millage and therefore would have to request a Charter amendment from the State of Michigan to increase the mills.

Mr. Shumaker expressed concerns re: SLPR's ability to bond again in the future for facility needs and should the ballot language be multipurpose to include a facility. Mr. Paris stated adding a facility to the ballot language is an option.

Ms. Lockwood arrived at 6:30pm

A discussion followed re: the ownership of the trails and the fiscal impact, obligations, and expectations to SLPR. Mr. Paris noted there are two options: find or establish a non-profit group to take on the ownership role, or SLPR does it. The consensus is to schedule a meeting with Mr. Mann to answer the board's questions/concerns before moving forward. Mr. Paris will check dates/times for either July 19<sup>th</sup> or July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm and then confirm with the board.

**Accounting Report:** Ms. Ciofu stated the City of Fenton has been billed for the full reimbursement of the camera and video equipment SLPR has purchased with the grant from the FACT Consortium in the amount of \$6,740. It was noted that the City of Fenton would then bill the other municipalities for their share in the cost.

**Information Item:** TAP Grant for Trailways Project.

Mr. Paris noted the action on the resolution having SLPR go on record for financial support in the amount of \$7,500 towards the City of Fenton's TAP grant match was tabled last month and the month before. Mr. Culbert stated the Finance Committee had met and made the \$7,500 recommendation after determining the percentage and impact on SLPR's budget as compared to the percentage impact on the municipalities' budgets. Ms. Lockwood stated she'd rather see SLPR put in the same \$15,000 contribution as the municipalities and would not support the lesser amount. It was the consensus to table the resolution vote until after the meeting with Mr. Mann.

**Committee Reports:** Nothing more

**Commissioner's Comments:** Mr. Grossmeyer shared an email he'd received from a Tyrone Township resident who has requested the board consider lowering the non-resident rate for nominally priced programs.

Ms. Lockwood noted the upcoming Fenton Freedom Festival and activities scheduled on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting:** Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Fenton Community Center.

### **Adjournment**

Chairperson Culbert adjourned the meeting at 7:04 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shaun Shumaker, Secretary

Recording Secretary, Shirley Ciofu