

SOUTHERN LAKES REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Thursday, August 23rd, 2018
6:00pm
150 S. Leroy St.
Fenton, MI 48430

Call to Order

Vice Chairperson, Patricia Lockwood called the Meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Present: Patricia Lockwood, Brenda Simons, Scott Grossmeyer, Rob Kesler

Excused: Ray Culbert, Shaun Shumaker

Roll Call: Ms. Ciofu declared there was a quorum with four board members

Staff Present: Vince Paris, Shirley Ciofu, Nancy Muffley

Public Present: Steve Mann

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of July 26th, 2018 Regular Board meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
 - Bills paid prior to August 23rd, 2018 in the amount of \$69,425.84

Motion by Mr. Grossmeyer, seconded by Ms. Simons to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Programmer's Report: Ms. Muffley presented the programmer's report and highlighted the Flea Markets held in the Township stating for the first effort it went very well and there will be a plan for next year. She also discussed SLPR's partnership with Randy Wise and the Drivers Training program. The success of both Linden and Fenton Back to Brick events were noted as was the inclement weather in Fenton that caused the event to end earlier. Ms. Muffley also noted the growth in the Fitness program stating instructor 'bio's' will be put up on the website which she stated will validate SLPR's quality, professional programs.

Call to the Audience: Steve Mann from the law firm of Miller/Canfield was present and agreed to answer any questions the board had regarding the ownership of the trail ways. He provided a draft resolution and ballot language for the proposed millage request for non-motorized trails. Mr. Mann stated the ballot language is an amendment to Charter and SLPR can ask for up to 5 mils. The voters would be approving a Charter amendment, but not until the Governor and the SLPR board approves the resolution. Then it can go forward to the people. He also noted the timeline: 12 weeks before the election the Board must approve the resolution with 3/5's majority. A discussion followed re: timeline. It was the board's consensus to get it done before this November's election with a decision on the amount in September and a special meeting in October for approval. A Q&A followed re: millage levy, financing and ownership.

Mr. Mann also stated the trails and the financing must be municipally owned. Noting the trails would have to have governmental ownership, but SLPR can have another entity manage it. Fiscal responsibility falls on the owner and SLPR can pass ownership to the County. A discussion followed re: the need for and the hiring of a Registered Municipal Advisor to structure the bond and help find buyer(s). He noted both the advisory fees and the attorney fees will be paid for from the millage as a cost of issuance.

A discussion followed re: a facility millage. It was the board's consensus to keep a facility off this ballot language and consider going back to the voters sometime later in the future.

Also discussed was the need for a campaign advisor and Ms. Lockwood noted the LAFF organization agrees to research and pay for that. She also noted that the LAFF organization will form a 501c3 in order to be the ballot committee.

Director's Report: Mr. Paris noted staff is working on the 2019 budget and a draft will go to the finance committee prior to the budget workshop in October.

Accounting Report: Ms. Ciofu presented the form L4029 (2018 Tax Rate Millage Request) to be received by the board and signed by the Chair. In the absence of Chairperson Culbert, Vice Chair Lockwood is acting in his place and read the resolution – Be it hereby resolved that the millage rate for SLPR for fiscal year commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019 be set at .3600.

Motion by: Mr. Kesler, seconded by Mr. Grossmeyer to approve the millage resolution.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Ms. Lockwood signed the L4029

Committee Reports: Ms. Lockwood noted the Operations Committee met re: the trail project.

Commissioner's Comments: None

Next Meeting: Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, September 27th, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Fenton Township Offices. Regular meeting will be followed by the Goals Workshop.

Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Shaun Shumaker, Secretary

Recording Secretary, Shirley Ciofu