

SOUTHERN LAKES REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Thursday, June 27th, 2019
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, Christine Reid, Scott Grossmeyer, Patricia Lockwood
Excused: Rob Kesler, Brenda Simons
Roll Call: Mr. Culbert declared there was a quorum with four board members
Staff Present: Vince Paris, Shirley Ciofu
Public Present: None

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of May 23rd, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
 - Bills paid prior to June 27th, 2019 in the amount of \$119,366.36
 - Financial Statements

Mr. Paris stated an action item to be added to the agenda to approve the Letter of Understanding with the Lake Fenton School District. He further stated he had received the amendment and extension page signed by the Superintendent, Julie Williams which had been previously approved by their board.

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

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Call to Audience: None present

Programmers: Ms. Ciofu reported on the success of the sand volleyball program and the addition of a new volleyball skills class. Also noted were the preparations for the Fall brochure. Also highlighted was the instructor training program for fitness professionals that staff is working to bring to SLPR's fitness 'studio' this Fall. And it was noted that Halo Burger has agreed to sponsor flag football again this Fall.

Accounting Report:

Ms. Ciofu noted the bills were high due in part to election costs and engineer costs of the pathway explaining that LAFF has been billed and will reimburse SLPR for the cost of the engineers as agreed. Mr. Paris explained the election cost exceeded the original estimated due to the vast majority of it going for workers and postage per the County's description. Ms. Lockwood inquired about the cost of the porta pots for the concerts. A discussion followed and it was noted that the cost was for two with hand wash stations for 14 concerts is about \$227 for both. Mr. Paris stated the DPW and the DDA determined it was necessary to have them due to the growing number of people attending the events.

Administrative Report:

Mr. Paris stated the operations committee and Mr. Grossmeyer went on two site visits to building locations on Thompson Road as potential facilities for SLPR dance and fitness programs. It was the board's consensus that the objective be to find a full facility to house the organization and programs as a whole. The board determined that a facility workshop be held as a special meeting of the full board to plan for the future by addressing the goals and facility needs of the organization. Ms. Lockwood stated as chair of the operation committee she will assist Mr. Paris setting up the framework for the meeting at a date to be determined.

Mr. Paris noted there wasn't much to report at this time about the future of the trailway. Ms. Lockwood noted the LAFF committee is organizing meetings with the municipalities to determine their commitments to the Silver Lake Road connector project. The LAFF organization will be responsible to raise the additional funding and that SLPR will not be part of the fundraising nor contribute money to the project.

Mr. Paris also noted his conversations with AYSO soccer re: the fields is on-going.

Action Item: Letter of Understanding with Lake Fenton Schools

A discussion followed re: the agreement with Lake Fenton Schools. Mr. Paris stated the only change was the term which is a two-year agreement commencing July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021 with the revision that states the agreement may be terminated at the will of either party upon written notice to the other on or before April 1st of any contract year. In which case the contract would expire on June 30 of the same year.

Mr. Paris further explained there is no increase in the rent of the dance room and SLPR will still receive the non profit facility use rates for other spaces. Mr. Paris noted he had discussions with the Fenton and Linden superintendents and they have verbally agreed to two-year contracts as well, but have not yet taken it to their school boards.

Motion by Mr. Grossmeyer, seconded by Ms. Reid, to approve the agreement with Lake Fenton Schools as presented and to authorize Mr. Paris to sign the contract.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Committee Reports: None

Commissioner Comments:

Mr. Grossmeyer noted an email he received from a non-resident regarding the add on fee for non-residents for nominally priced, one day programs. A discussion followed re: the current non resident fee structure and policy. Ms. Lockwood stated the policy intent was to take care of our residents who pay the millage by giving them a break in the fees, and to encourage non-residents to go to their municipalities and state their desire to become part of the SLPR district. It was also noted that there have not been very many complaints to date about the fee structure. It was the board's consensus to have the finance committee review the policy and make a recommendation on nominally priced programs. It was also suggested that this email be shared with Tyrone Township since that is where the person resides.

Next Meeting

Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, July 25th, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Fenton Community Center

Adjournment

Chairperson Culbert adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Scott Grossmeyer, Secretary

Recording Secretary, Shirley Ciofu