

SOUTHERN LAKES REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Thursday, July 25th, 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, Brenda Simons, Rob Kesler, Patricia Lockwood
Excused: Scott Grossmeyer
Roll Call: Mr. Culbert declared there was a quorum with five board members
Staff Present: Vince Paris, Shirley Ciofu, Nancy Muffley
Public Present: Amy Converse, representing AYSO

Call to Audience: Amy Converse asked to speak on behalf of AYSO re: Deer Park soccer fields. Mr. Culbert made introductions and stated the board would give her five minutes to make her statement. Ms. Converse said she wanted to talk about the relationship between the county and Fenton Township re: the current agreement to maintain the soccer fields at Deer Park. She stated concerns about a new partnership between the Township and SLPR and wanted it to be known that they (AYSO) expect the same relationship with SLPR as they currently have with the Township for use of the fields re: first priority scheduling and maintenance of the fields. She further stated there is storm damage to the sprinkler system at a cost of \$25,000. She said they don't want to pay for the damages unless they have a contract with SLPR with the same rights as they have now with the Township. A discussion followed re: insurance. It was suggested that if they have the fields insured, then a claim could be made. Ms. Converse stated they want a contract with SLPR first. Ms. Lockwood said that before the board would proceed with a partnership with the Township on Deer Park, or a contract with AYSO they'd want to see AYSO's financial statements. Ms. Converse stated they have no reason to give that.

Mr. Culbert stated SLPR was asked by Fenton Township to look into taking over the contract from the County for Deer Lake Park. He further stated the Operations Committee is in the due diligence phase and not at a point to make a decision or give an opinion.

Mr. Paris stated that Tom Broecker, Fenton Township Deputy Clerk, has been involved and supportive and has been working with the Operations Committee during this beginning phase.

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of June 27th, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
 - Bills paid prior to July 25th, 2019 in the amount of \$42,602.47
 - Financial Statements

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

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Programmers: Ms. Muffley reported on the success of the ice cream social event for seniors, with 60 participants in attendance, made possible with a CDGB funding from the City of Fenton. She also reported the success and expansion of the Summer art programs. A discussion followed re: the available grant funding for art programs for non-profits from the County and the City of Fenton's grant award that help make the art programs possible by partnering with SLPR to get a professional artist. Further discussed was the process for the City of Linden to create an art's council to enable them to provide similar programming. It was noted that SLPR would assist with the coordination of art programming for both municipalities. Ms. Muffley noted the remaining Summer concert schedule for both Fenton and Linden.

Accounting Report: Ms. Ciofu stated the 2nd quarter Loose Center financial statements were received and the 2nd quarter check was issued on July 16th in the amount of \$18,250. She also noted the check from the County for delinquent tax collections was received. Ms. Ciofu presented the Summer registration numbers of SLPR's non-resident participants noting the majority are from Tyrone and Argentine Township. She also noted that there were 584 non-resident participants in the first six months of 2019, compared to 504 during the same period last year.

Administrative Report: Mr. Paris stated the operations committee is gathering facts about the Deer Lake soccer fields at this time. He also noted the Fall brochure is in the final draft and will go to the public the second week of August. Mr. Paris discussed the upcoming National Night Out to be held in Linden on Tuesday, August 8. He stated SLPR staff would be in attendance again this year serving popcorn, cotton candy and sno cones. It was suggested that because the event is held at Hyatt Elementary, then SLPR consider opening the gymnastics studio for kids.

Mr. Paris reported he had conversations with all three school district superintendents and all agreed to a 2 year term commencing the same time. Mr. Paris was praised for his work on the agreements with the districts.

Ms. Lockwood stated that she and Mr. Paris had a discussion about the upcoming facility needs planning session and both agreed to postpone that board workshop until mid-September. She further stated it is the board's intention to focus on just a facility study and keep it separate from the goals workshop.

Action Item: Approval of the Amendment and Lease Extension with Linden Schools

Mr. Paris noted that all three school districts have agreed to two year extensions and that they would just provide an amendment to the current agreement. Mr. Culbert read the amendment noting the term was changed from a three year to a two year term commencing July 1, 2019 and continuing through June 30, 2021. Either party may initiate an annual review, to be completed by June 30th of any given year. If the annual review is not completed by June 30th, the extension will not be granted. If neither party initiates an annual review, the contract will automatically be extended an additional year. The second part of the amendment is as follows: This lease may be terminated at the will of either party prior to the expiration of the lease term or extensions, provided the other party is provide notice at least one year prior to the proposed termination date.

Motion by Mr. Culbert, seconded by Mr. Kesler, to approve the amendment to the agreement with Linden Schools as presented.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Action Item: Approval of the Extension of the Existing Letter of understanding with the Fenton Community Schools until December 31, 2019

Mr. Paris explained that Dr. Hartley is reviewing the rates for facility rentals and wants to get an update on the cost of utilities to evaluate the price structure before signing an amendment and two-year term. Fenton Schools has agreed to extend the current agreement until December 31, 2019 at which time the new agreement would be made retroactively to July 1, 2019.

Motion by Ms. Lockwood, seconded by Ms. Simons, to approve the extension of the current agreement with Fenton School until December 31, 2019.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Action Item: Approval of the Resolution of Application of Special License for the Masquerade Event

Mr. Paris described a new special event and stated this is the first time he has gone to the board to request a special license to serve alcohol at a SLPR event. Ms. Ciofu passed out the flyer describing the Masquerade Night which would include refreshments and a beer and wine cash bar service. The event was well received by the board.

Mr. Culbert read the resolution of the board authorizing the application for special license:

Moved by Patricia Lockwood and supported by Brenda Simons that the application from Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation for a Special License to serve alcohol on October 26, 2019 to be located at the Fenton Community Center, 150 S. Leroy St., Fenton, MI. It is the consensus of this body that the application be recommended for issuance.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Committee Reports: Operations Committee: Ms. Lockwood stated it will be a great partnership with Fenton Township to manage the soccer fields. She further stated it has great potential for SLPR, noting it is necessary to see the AYSO financial statements before it's done. A discussion followed. It was noted that Fenton Township's current contract with AYSO is not up until February 2020 and that this committee is going slow and methodically and working with Mr. Krug and Mr. Broecker at the Township.

Commissioner Comments:

Ms. Simons stated there are great things happening here at SLPR.

Mr. Culbert asked that the new Linden City Manager, once hired, be invited to attend the next board meeting.

Next Meeting

Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, August 22nd, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Fenton Community Center

Adjournment

Chairperson Culbert adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Scott Grossmeyer, Secretary

Recording Secretary, Shirley Ciofu