

SOUTHERN LAKES REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
**Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**  
**Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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, Rob Kesler, Patricia Lockwood, Scott Grossmeyer  
Delayed: Brenda Simons  
Roll Call: Mr. Culbert declared there was a quorum with five board members  
Staff Present: Vince Paris, Shirley Ciofu, Nancy Muffley  
Public Present: None

**Approval of the Consent Agenda:**

- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
  - Bills paid prior to August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 in the amount of \$45,396.26
  - Financial Statements

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

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

**Programmers:** Ms. Muffley reported on the success of the Back to Brick events in both Fenton and Linden and shared the statistics with the board. There were an estimated 295 cars in Linden and 325 in Fenton. She also noted the increased attendance and quality of entertainment at the Concerts in the Park this Summer. She also shared a report about the National Night Out in Linden and SLPR's participation in that event.

**Accounting Report:** Ms. Ciofu discussed the budget process and noted her meetings with the programmers to discuss their recreation budgets. She also stated there are only two programs that require a fund to help offset expenses – gymnastics and table tennis to help offset capital equipment purchases. She further stated instructional programs don't require spending in excess of registration dollars, therefore any program funds would be closed to the revenue accounts for dance and wrestling would be capped at \$5,000 and transferred to an equity account. Ms. Ciofu also presented the L4029 for the 2020 budget year with the millage levy at .3556 adjusted for the Headlee rollback. The increase in property tax values will provide an increase in revenue in 2020 of an estimated \$24,500. She also presented the aggregate millage by municipality and millage changes over the past 20 years.

**Administrative Report:** Mr. Paris described the budget process stating how the programmers make their budget predictions based on past years statistics and current trends. He also noted his continued efforts to gather information about the Deer Run Soccer complex and meetings with various groups and individuals involved. He stated the goal is to work with the Operations Committee to formulate a proposal to present to the Board.

**Action Item: Approval of the 2020 Millage Levy**

Motion by Ms. Lockwood, seconded by Mr. Kesler to approve the 2020 millage levy at .3556 as presented on the L4029.

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

The L4029 was signed by Chairperson, Ray Culbert and Secretary, Scott Grossmeyer.

**Informational Items: Work shop dates**

The budget workshop is scheduled for Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Fenton Township Hall. A light dinner will be served.

The facility needs workshop is scheduled for Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Fenton Community Center.

A request was made to reschedule the regular September board meeting to the third Thursday.

Motion by Mr. Grossmeyer, seconded by Mr. Kesler to change the regular monthly meeting to September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

**Committee Reports: Operations Committee:** Ms. Lockwood the committee is working with Fenton Township on the Deer Run Soccer Complex stating it's a great opportunity for SLPR to continue their mission. She further stated the committee is waiting to have a look at the revenue and operation costs and have met with different soccer groups such as La Forza and stated both National and County programs are very supportive.

**Commissioner Comments:**

Ms. Simons stated she has a meeting scheduled with members of the Fenton Arts Commission to gather information for Linden. She also stated volunteers were staining the playscape to which Mr. Paris offered 10 gallons of stain and water as a donation.

**Next Meeting**

Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Fenton Community Center

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Culbert adjourned the meeting at 6:44 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Scott Grossmeyer, Secretary

Recording Secretary, Shirley Ciofu