

SOUTHERN LAKES REGIONAL METROPOLITAN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
**Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**  
**Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**5:00pm**  
**Virtual Meeting - Via Zoom**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson, Patricia Lockwood called the Meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**Attendance**

Present: Patricia Lockwood, Christine Reid, Robert Kesler, David McDermott, Brenda Simons, Ray Culbert

Roll Call: Ms. Lockwood declared there was a quorum with six board members

Staff Present: Shirley Ciofu, Paul Stark, Patricia Allen

Public Present: Ed Koledo, Patric Parker, 'Eric'

**Purpose of the Special Meeting:**

Chairperson Lockwood stated the SLPR Hiring committee offers the following recommendation for the position of Executive Director at Southern Lakes Parks & Recreation, Ed Koledo.

She described Mr. Koledo as a passionate, people-center leader. With a successful career in public education, military operations and with government funded programs. In addition, he is the previous Superintendent of the Linden Public Schools and has a great depth of experience with local municipalities, civic organizations and nonprofits, including many that SLPR works with to support our communities. Examples include the Fenton Linden Regional Chamber of Commerce, Fenton Rotary Club, LAFF Pathways Board, Fenton Community Fund which allocates funds to Lake Fenton, Fenton & Linden projects, Fenton Resource & Referral Network, Linden Gus Macker Basketball Tournament & Grow Linden to name a few.

She further stated, Mr. Koledo brings expert problem-solving, strategic planning, conflict de-escalation and relationship building skills. All essential when managing the dynamics of an organization like SLPR. And most importantly, he embodies the servant-leader management style, instilling in others the confidence to achieve. The Committee believes Mr. Koledo is a candidate that will enable SLPR to strengthen our current programs and relationships while supporting growth into new areas.

Ms. Lockwood acknowledged the Committee had received twelve resumes including three from current staff and conducted seven interviews. She thanked Personnel committee Chairperson, Brenda Simons and Personnel committee member, David McDermott for their professionalism and outstanding work in the hiring process.

Mr. Koledo stated he was flattered to get the opportunity to interview and said he looks forward to meeting staff individually and learning the organizations strengths and weaknesses, and the challenges and successes.

Both Mr. Culbert and Mr. Kesler stated their support and Ms. Reid stated she knows Mr. Koledo comes highly recommended.

**Call to the Audience:**

No comments

Motion by Mr. Culbert, seconded by Ms. Simons to approve the recommendation of the Personnel committee to hire Mr. Ed Koledo as Executive Director.

Roll Call:

Patricia Lockwood	Aye
Ray Culbert	Aye
Brenda Simons	Aye
Robert Kesler	Aye
Christine Reid	Aye
David McDermott	Aye

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Mr. Koledo stated he accepts the position.

**Board Comments:**

Ms. Lockwood informed the Board that after the hiring process is complete, the Personnel committee would like to discuss with the Board, at the Board meeting on June 25th, recommendations for suggested reorganization improvements inclusive of input from the staff.

Ms. Simons stated she learned a lot about the staff during the interview process.

**Next Meeting**

Regular Monthly Meeting: Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Fenton Community Center

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 5:13pm

Respectfully Submitted, David McDermott, Secretary

Recording Secretary, Shirley Ciofu