

Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District
Board of Commissioners Meeting- Thursday, July 22nd, 2021
6:00pm
Held at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center

Call to Order

Chairperson Lockwood called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Attendance

Present: Patricia Lockwood, Ray Culbert, David McDermott, and Brenda Simons

Roll Call: Ms. Lockwood declared there was a quorum with four board members, Ms. Lockwood asked for a motion to excuse Mr. Kessler and Ms. Reid.

Motion by Mr. Culbert, seconded by Mr. McDermott to excuse Kessler and Reid from the meeting.

Motion carries: 4 Ayea, 0 Nays

Staff Present: Ed Koledo,

Public Present: None

Call to the Audience:

None present

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Approval of the June 24th, 2021 regular meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
 - Bills paid prior to July 22nd, 2021 in the amount \$ 51,871.46
 - Payroll paid prior to July 22nd, 2021 in the amount of \$ 26,221.70
 - June 2021 Financial Statements

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

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Administrative Reports: Mr. Koledo gave an update SLPR initiatives for grants and easements related to The State Bank Trail. He detailed linden events including their sesquicentennial planning, city master planning, their back to the bricks event and a Veteran & 1st Responder event put on by Rep. Dan Kildee's office; much discussion followed with Board member questions about various events. Mr. Koledo detailed Fenton events including two upcoming concerts August 12 and 26 at their gazebo. Mr. Koledo completed his report by referencing the SLPR/FAPS 2-year agreement and that is was an updated version of the prior two agreements with no new stipulations. FAPS is currently happy with the agreement and is expected to pass it at their next Board meeting. The SLPR attorney is also reviewing the document. The Board suggested all future agreements be made under a two-year rolling concept.

Accounting Report:

There were no questions on Ms. Ciofu's written report.

Discussion Item: The State Bank Trail Planning

Mr. Koledo discussed a communications plan for this phase of the pathway, including publishing regular updates on social media. Community forums to plan Triangle Park, as well as fundraising informational materials and events. He outlined a new state-requirement regarding assessments for easements, something that will add to

the cost of easements. Discussion followed regarding working with LAFF to get solution to this previously unforeseen cost.

Discussion Item: Phase 3 and 4 Planning

Mr. Koledo discussed the positive response from Fenton Township on planning forward with Phase 3 and 4 from the meeting held with Pat Lockwood and Jeff Huhta. Funding of the trail scoping for both phases was approved by LAFF and he expects a written report by mid-August. Part of the discussion was a potential reordering of the phases with the potential of Fenton Road being moved to phase 3, which initially seemed promising. Mr. Koledo reported that the engineer, Jeff Huhta, recommended continuing with Owen Road as phase 3 due to the connectivity it has with the county park and soccer complex and the importance the county places on connectivity for its grants. At this time, the connection that Fenton Road would provide to a future link in Grand Blanc to the Iron-Bell trail is too far off for this funding cycle. With the call for projects due the end of August, and the three-year cycle of county projects, Fenton Road would be much better suited to “connect” in a future round of projects.

Discussion Item: Fenton Township Park Planning

Mr. Koledo reported that Pat Lockwood, Jeff Huhta, and he also spoke to Fenton Township about the potential for a park along The State Bank Trail on the Hagerman property. Initial planning could qualify the property for a MNRTF Grant, with a cut out of maybe three acres that would be donated to SLPR to build a recreation center. Plans are being developed with the intent that the main effort now is to complete The State Bank Trail funding requirements and easement work prior to going full steam into the park idea. Grant deadline for the grant is April of 2022.

Discussion Item: SLPR 5-Year Master Plan

Mr. Koledo explained that a formal process must be followed in order to have an “accepted” 5-year Master Plan and that initial conversations with Rowe Engineering estimate the cost to be around \$5-6k. Discussion followed about the importance of the plan and the excellent job Rowe did last time. Mr. Koledo will bring a proposal back to the next Board meeting to seek approval.

Discussion Item: Fenton City and SLPR 2-year Agreement Update

Mr. Koledo reviewed the history of the SLPR/FCCC Agreements he’s seen to date and was asked by the Board to email a copy of the 2013 version he referenced. With no real concerns, he will continue to work with the FCCC Board to come up with a new agreement.

Commissioner Comments: Ms. Lockwood referenced Board member thoughts on ZOOM vs in-person meetings. After some discussion it was decided that the Board will have one in-person meeting quarterly, with the other two via Zoom.

Next Meeting

Regular Monthly Meeting: Thursday, May 27th, 2021 at 6:00pm

Adjournment

Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm

Respectfully Submitted, David McDermott, Secretary
Recording Secretary, (substitute) Ed Koledo