

Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District
Board of Commissioners Meeting- Thursday, October 28th, 2021
6:00pm
Held via Zoom

Call to Order

Chairperson Lockwood called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

Attendance

Present: Patricia Lockwood, David McDermott, Brenda Simons, Rob Kesler, Christine Reid
Delayed: Ray Culbert
Roll Call: Ms. Lockwood declared there was a quorum with five board members
Staff Present: Ed Koledo, Shirley Priestap
Public Present: None

Call to the Audience:

None present

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Approval of the September 23rd, 2021 regular meeting minutes
- Approval of the October 14th, 2021 special meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
 - Bills paid prior to October 28th, 2021 in the amount \$ 106,508.35
 - Payroll paid prior to October 28th, 2021 in the amount of \$ 18,162.22
 - September 2021 Financial Statements

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

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Mr. Culbert joined the meeting.

Executive Director's Report: Koledo noted no Pathway updates since the special meeting. He reported that of the eighteen easement, twelve letters went out and six are being completed. A list of community interactions was presented. He highlighted the staff BBQ open house where employees, instructors and board member Lockwood met to get to know each other better. Also highlighted was the 'thank you' breakfast for those involved in making the Street Experience happen and the FARR fundraising event. Lockwood noted the upcoming 'Street Experience critique' meeting. Simons stated she'd like to see a similar event in Linden next year.

Koledo announced the sale of the skate park to Jupiter Skate in Linden for \$1,200. He also informed the board that the FCCC/SLPR Letter of Understanding is under review re: revision recommendations. He stated that the FCCC board has not met for several months and a plan for the City of Fenton to appoint new members is pending.

Accounting Coordinator's Report: Priestap stated the bills paid prior to the meeting were higher than usual due to the payment to NFE for pathway easement and trail scope expenditures to be reimbursed by LAFF on a quarterly basis. She stated the expenditures for the Farmer's Market and Street Experience will be billed back to the City of Fenton DDA next month when it is certain all the outstanding invoices have been paid. Priestap presented a spreadsheet to illustrate the comparison of programming with the current year to date and 2020, noting Driver's Training and Fitness have remained consistent, with gymnastics bouncing back. Dance is down due to no Spring recital and AAU volleyball is down due to no Winter season. Other instructional programs such as soccer, martial arts and flag football are doing well.

Action Item: Phase 3 Matching Fund Commitment - \$20,000

Koledo explained of the \$112,500 required commitment, all municipalities (Fenton, Linden, Fenton Township, and SLPR) had approved and pledged \$20,000 to the matching fund, except for Argentine Township who had not. He asked the board for consideration on pledging the outstanding \$20,000 to make the difference so the TAP grant process could move forward by the deadline, which was the end of the week.

Motion by: Lockwood, seconded by Culbert to have SLPR provide an additional \$20,000 towards the Phase 3 Matching Fund Commitment for Fenton Township's Genesee County Road Commission TAP Grant application for phase 1 of the Owen Road and Fenton Road Connector Trails.

A discussion followed to clarify that providing this additional \$20,000 at this time allows Argentine Township time to approve supporting the application with matching funds at their November council meeting. Furthermore, if Argentine Township does not pass the matching funds commitment at the \$20,000 level, planning to recoup the additional monies SLPR has extended will be determined by other parties to the agreement, including SLPR.

Roll Call:

Reid	Aye
Kesler	Aye
Simons	Aye
Culbert	Aye
McDermott	Aye
Lockwood	Aye

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Item for Discussion: SLPR Charter Update

Koledo discussed the planning meeting with representatives from Rowe and presented the Charter with the changes previously discussed to Article 5, Paragraph A. He reiterated the necessity of updating the Charter with the language to assign responsibility of any land acquired through MDNR grants. A discussion followed re: the timeline for ballot application, ballot language, and the plan to present it to the public.

Item for Discussion: SLPR/Loose Financial/Cooperative Agreement

Koledo presented the agreement with noted changes for discussion. It was the board's consensus that it be clearly stated as a one-year agreement; that an annual in-person presentation be made to the SLPR board by Loose; and the SLPR Chairperson will hold a seat on the Loose board. Koledo stated he and Gabrielson would meet to hammer out the details, make the changes with the Board's intent, and have it ready for approval at the next meeting.

Item for Discussion: Five-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update

Koledo presented a timeline for the preparation, review, public hearing, approval, and submission of the Master Plan to the MDNR by February 1st of 2022. Also presented were the Master Plan public survey questions. A discussion and review followed and it was noted that the surveys would go out to the public via 'Survey Monkey', email, social media, and the paper.

Commissioner Comments: Simons stated the mural was approved by the Linden City Council and now it will go to the DDA. Culbert noted nothing new on the FACT PEG but a meeting is scheduled for November 11th.

Next Meeting

There was discussion about the remaining meetings for 2021. It was the board's consensus to cancel the November meeting and change the December meeting to Wednesday, December 8th.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, December 8th, 2021 at 6:00pm via zoom

Adjournment

Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 6:53pm

Respectfully Submitted, David McDermott, Secretary
Recording Secretary, Shirley Priestap