

**Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District**  
150 S. Leroy St.  
Fenton, MI 48430  
Board of Commissioners Meeting- Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
6:00pm

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Lockwood called the meeting to order at 6:08pm

**Attendance**

Present: Patricia Lockwood, Christine Reid, David McDermott

Excused: Brenda Simons, Rob Kesler, Ray Culbert

Roll Call: Ms. Lockwood declared there was not a quorum with only three board members

Staff Present: Ed Koledo, Shirley Priestap

Public Present: None

Lockwood asked for a motion to excuse the absent board members.

Motion by McDermott, seconded by Lockwood to excuse the absence of Simons, Kesler, and Culbert.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

**Attachment to the March 24, 2022 Consent Agenda** - Tabled until April

**Executive Director's Report:** Koledo gave an update of the pathway grant opportunities and described the State Funding Initiative for 'shovel-ready' pathways. He stated there is potential funds from the Michigan Trails Coalition to complete The State Bank Trail. A discussion followed re: the use of the \$500,000 commitment from the State Bank to be held on account for maintenance should the state funding initiative money be awarded.

The two public forums – Triangle Park and Hagerman Park – were noted. Both went well and were well attended in person on zoom.

The remaining easements were discussed, and community interactions were noted. Koledo also noted the monthly brainstorming meeting with staff scheduled in conjunction with the Chamber scholarship lunch program. He stated his appreciation for staff and the hiring of a new parttime afternoon Receptionist and parttime Building Attendant. Lockwood inquired about the hiring process. A discussion followed re: the board approves the position; however, the Director can fill any position already approved by the board at his discretion.

The meeting re: the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park was noted and the Linden and Fenton events we're briefly discussed re: the DDA grant requests for Summer events.

**Accounting Coordinator's Report:** Priestap noted the credit card costs and online registration fees stating they are within the average and have declined slightly. A discussion followed re: switching processing platforms to improve customer service and reduce costs. Also noted was the uptick in programming.

The audit process has started and is scheduled in person on April 19<sup>th</sup>. The finance committee has been notified and a pre audit meeting has been scheduled. Lockwood requested a meeting be held with the committee and auditors upon completion of the audit and prior to the board presentation in May.

**Programmer's Report:** A written report was submitted to the Board.

**Discussion Item: 2022 Goal Setting Meeting**

Dates were discussed and it was the consensus to try to reschedule the regular May 26<sup>th</sup> board meeting for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-11:00am if the auditors and other board members were available.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – in person at 6:00pm

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm

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