

Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District
150 S. Leroy St.
Fenton, MI 48430
Board of Commissioners Meeting- Wednesday, May 25th, 2022
6:00pm

Call to Order

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

Attendance

Present: Patricia Lockwood, Christine Reid, Brenda Simons, Ray Culbert
Excused: Rob Kesler, David McDermott
Roll Call: Lockwood declared there was a quorum with four board members
Staff Present: Ed Koledo, Shirley Priestap
Public Present: Kevin Kelley – Lewis/Knopf

Pledge of Allegiance

2021 Audit Presentation: Kevin Kelley, CPA Manager – Lewis/Knopf

Kevin Kelley presented the 2021 audit via zoom and prepared a report summary for the board. SLPR received a “Clean” “Unmodified” audit opinion. This is the highest level of assurance possible for the District’s financial statements. A discussion followed re: investment options to which Mr. Kelley explained there may be limitations on what a government can invest in and referred to Michigan Act 121, Local Government Investment Pool Act.

Motion by Culbert, seconded by Simons to receive the 2021 audit as presented.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Approval of Consent Agenda

Approval of the April 28th, 2022 regular meeting minutes

- Approval of Treasurer’s Report:
 - Bills paid prior to May 25th, 2022 in the amount \$52,437.49
 - Payroll paid prior to May 25th, 2022 in the amount of \$18,889.14
 - April 2022 Financial Statements

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

Roll Call:	Reid	Aye	Culbert	Aye
	Simons	Aye	Lockwood	Aye

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Executive Director’s Report: Koledo gave an update of the pathway grant initiatives stating that the City of Fenton applied for and will receive funding for Veteran’s Park next Summer. Also noted was the City of Linden was waiting to approve the final design for the Triangle Park Plan.

Koledo discussed community interactions, specifically the Fenton Area Public Schools’ art show plans and their need for additional hooks. He described the shared partnership between FAPS, FCCC and the

City of Fenton Arts and Cultural committee to split the \$2,800 cost for the extra hooks and hanging cables. Also noted were the staff training with Fenton Fire Chief on the alarm and fire suppression system at FCCC and the upcoming Senior Luncheon events made possible with Fenton and Fenton Townships CDBG funding.

Koledo noted the storage warehouse and his efforts to find affordable shelving. Also noted was the potential disposal of the bounce house and the gymnastics program's use of Linden Schools' sports center. A discussion followed re: working together with the Linden School superintendent on a mutual message on SLPR's use of the sports center for its gymnastics program. Also discussed was an information campaign to manage the narrative on SLPR's future facility plan.

Accounting Coordinator's Report: Priestap discussed the recreation profit/loss statement noting overall programming is doing very well and that program profits support budgeted expenses of \$120,000 for 2022. She also noted the use of the dance fund to help offset the cost of the recital. A discussion followed re: the drop in the participation in the dance program potentially because of less program offerings or change in location.

Programmer's Report: A written report was submitted

Discussion Item: Easement Updates

Koledo stated the remaining easements have ongoing negotiations. A discussion followed re: the cost to acquire them as was the total cost estimated by NFE to acquire all easements. It was noted that to get Michigan Trails funding, all easements have to be obtained before December. Further discussion was tabled until June.

Discussion Item: Proposed Meeting Date Changes for June and July

Lockwood proposed changing the June regular monthly board meeting from June 23rd to June 16th at 8:00am and changing the July meeting from July 28th to July 21st at 8:00am. It was the consensus of the members present that the change is acceptable.

Action Item: Michigan Trails Fund Project Agreement

Koledo presented the agreement that will award \$100,000 toward the completion of the non-motorized trails project stating both SLPR's attorney and NFE are comfortable with it and the deadline is June 1st.

Motion by Lockwood, seconded by Simons to approve the Michigan Trails Fund Project Agreement as presented.

Motion Carried:

4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Action Item: Charter Amendment Ballot Language

Koledo presented the ballot language that will amend the Charter to change Article 5, the management and control of property. He read the ballot language as follows:

'Shall the Charter be amended to state that all lands purchased or developed with MDNR Grants be maintained as public land according to the MDNR Project Agreement and that, if the District is dissolved, lands acquired through MDNR grants will become the responsibility of the municipality in which it is located, which will assume all title and control?'

A discussion followed re: pre-approval of the ballot language is pending AG's approval.

Motion by Culbert, seconded by Lockwood to approve the ballot language as presented, subject to minor changes by the state AG's office.

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Commissioner Comments

Simons noted the story of her historic Linden home.

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 16th, 2022 – in person at 8:00am

Adjournment

Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm

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