

Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District

150 S. Leroy St.

Fenton, MI 48430

Board of Commissioners Meeting- Thursday, June 16th, 2022

8:00am

Call to Order

Chairperson Lockwood called the meeting to order at 8:00am

Attendance/Roll Call

Present: Patricia Lockwood, Christine Reid, Brenda Simons, Ray Culbert, Rob Kesler

Excused: David McDermott

Roll Call: Lockwood declared there was a quorum with five board members

Staff Present: Ed Koledo, Shirley Priestap

Public Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Consent Agenda

Approval of the May 25th, 2022 regular meeting minutes

- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
 - Bills paid prior to June 16th, 2022 in the amount \$20,291.26
 - Payroll paid prior to June 16th, 2022 in the amount of \$9,306.26
 - May 2022 Financial Statements

Motion by Culbert, seconded by Kesler to approve consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Executive Director's Report: Koledo noted the SLPR Annual Report presentations. He also mentioned the A.L.I.C.E. training for instructor and staff and the estimated \$2,000 cost. Koledo reported that Hurley Medical requested to have their \$25,000 pathway sponsorship be incremental rather than a one-time lump sum. It was the board's consensus to accept their donation over time as they requested.

The necessity of having a maintenance plan in place for the pathway was discussed and it was noted that it must be timed with the completion of Triangle Park. It was the consensus that the board have a completed, organized maintenance plan before presenting to the municipalities. Also noted was the LAFF organization's \$25,000 escrow account for pathway maintenance.

Koledo discussed community interactions, specifically the Flint Gus Macker basketball program and his involvement on the planning committee. He also noted there has been misinformation circulating within some Linden School parent groups re: the Linden School's sports complex. A discussion followed re: the school's original concept was to ask SLPR to move the gymnastic program to it. Also discussed was the Hagerman Park property re: coming to an agreement as to what is the intended use and vision for the property.

Also discussed was the plan to change the Charter language. Koledo stated everything was in order with the governor's office to proceed. It was board's consensus to delay the change until the next election cycle.

Accounting Coordinator's Report: Priestap stated the regular checking account had been compromised and a new account immediately opened. The loss was minimized and will be covered by the bank. She also noted the need to diversify the fund balance. A discussion followed re: investing and the meeting scheduled with an investment banker to discuss options that are in line with current board policy. Also noted was the potential for a policy amendment to allow for options that can still be comfortably conservative. Priestap provided current savings and cd rates and the Investment Policy for review.

Also noted was the submission of the audit by Lewis/Knopf to the State of Michigan and the expected \$23,000 from county delinquent property tax collections. Also discussed was the \$8,349 NFE invoices for the cost of the easement acquisitions. A discussion followed re: project budget overruns.

Programmer's Report: A written report was submitted

Discussion Item: Easement Updates

Koledo provided a chart of the remaining easement acquisitions.

Discussion Item: Invitation to join the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition

Koledo presented a letter he received from the Coalition's chairperson, David Lossing asking for SLPR's support with a Memorandum of Understanding which is an agreement that would formalize the relationship between members of the coalition and SLPR. It was the board's consensus to join.

Discussion Item: Fund Balance Planning

It was the board's consensus to consider options for investing fund equity and to diversify funds. Koledo and Priestap will gather information and meet with Kesler, board Treasurer to prepare a presentation of options for the board.

Commissioner Comments

Lockwood gave an update on the Loose Center

Next Meeting

Thursday, July 21st 2022 – in person at 8:00am

Adjournment

Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 9:30am

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