

Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District
150 S. Leroy St.
Fenton, MI 48430
Board of Commissioners Meeting- Thursday, August 25th, 2022
8:00am

Call to Order

Chairperson Lockwood called the meeting to order at 8:05am

Attendance/Roll Call

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

Excused: David McDermott, joined on the phone

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

Staff Present: Ed Koledo, Shirley Priestap, Paul Stark

Public Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Consent Agenda

Board minutes were adjusted as presented

Approval of the July 21st, 2022 regular meeting minutes

- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
 - Bills paid prior to August 25th, 2022 in the amount \$74,088.33
 - Payroll paid prior to August 25th, 2022 in the amount of \$26,959.02
 - July 2022 Financial Statements

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

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Executive Director's Report: Koledo noted the initial grant requests for phase 3 and phase 4 were awarded and formal notification will come through NFE from the County Road Commission. He reported SLPR will be working with municipalities to develop consistency throughout the pathway re: Triangle Park plan to be complete by October. A discussion followed re: the Grand Blanc Grid and LAFF organizations working together and a potential trail cross-link in an effort to connect to the Iron Belle Trail.

Koledo stated the City of Linden had a 6-0 vote in favor of the Resolution of Necessity.

Also noted were community interactions including the Chamber's Taste in Fenton event, the success of both Back to the Bricks events, and National Night Out. The upcoming Senior Friday event, Brunch on the Run was noted. Koledo also stated he's facilitating planning for an access to the Shiawassee River on Hogan Road to include assistance from Argentine Township and the Keepers of the Shiawassee.

Lockwood suggested a motion be made to accept the Director's Report into the minutes.

A discussion followed. It was the board's consensus that no action need be taken on the Director's report and that it be included in full in the minutes.

Motion by Culbert, seconded by Lockwood to approve the Director's Report was permanently tabled following the discussion.

Accounting Coordinator's Report: Priestap stated the millage levy was calculated at .3418 for the upcoming budget year 2023. She stated the .4000 mils is reduced by the Headlee Rollback millage reduction fraction. She also stated the form L4029 has been prepared and requires the Chair and Secretary to sign. Priestap noted the estimated tax revenue for 2023 will be around \$527,415 and that has been adjusted by the Fenton DDA, LDFA, and Brownfield captures in the estimated amount of \$39,780.

She also stated the approved \$300,000 was transferred from regular checking into a money market account at the State Bank. Priestap noted the Community Foundation reimbursed SLPR for the easement and trail scoping expenses paid on behalf of LAFF. Also noted was the submission of the annual work comp audit. The 2023 budget process is underway and Priestap noted she and Nancy Holden have been updating the list of gymnastics equipment to provide a replacement cost value. She stated SLPR has purchased upwards of \$65,000 in equipment over time for the program.

Programmer's Report: A written report was submitted. It was the board's consensus that the individual program participation numbers with comparisons be included on the report. The Pickleball program was discussed re: the Fenton Schools have it marked on their tennis courts that are open to the public after school. Also noted were the declining numbers in the dance program. The Fall brochure will be distributed to the public via the Tri County Times and is already up on the website.

Lockwood requested a group photo of the board members be taken for the brochure and website.

Discussion Item: Easement Updates

Koledo provided a chart of the remaining easement acquisitions and explained current negotiations.

Discussion Item: Update on the Annual Board Objectives and Executive Director's Initiatives

Koledo gave an update on new programming including bringing back programs from the covid lull and the Artwalk event. A discussion followed re: the outdoor adaptive classes.

Also stated was a plan to give quarterly updates to the press re: guest viewpoints or articles highlighting a different program each month. A discussion followed re: community support for SLPR is high with the pathway being a plus. Staff were praised and partnerships were listed with examples of our team approach in collaborations and interactions with other organizations.

Discussion Item: The State Bank Trail Quarterly Funding Update

Koledo listed the fundraising goal and the actual collected to date showing another \$266,877 is needed to hit 100% of the target amount required for grant matching.

Discussion Item: Dates for the 2023 Budget Workshop

Priestap noted the finance committee should meet first to review a budget draft soon. The consensus was to meet on October 12th at 8:00am to prepare a budget for the full board.

Action Item: Approval of the 2022 L-4029 Millage Levy

Motion by Culbert, seconded by Kesler to approve the submission of the 2022 L-4029 Millage Request Report for .3418 mils reduced from .4 mils by the Headlee roll back fraction.

Motion Carried: 5 Aye, 0 Nays

Action Item: Resolution of Necessity – The State Bank Trail

Koledo presented the resolution for approval. A discussion followed re: Item #4 and the statement on 'ownership' responsibilities of easements that may later be transferred to the City of Fenton. Reid stated she'd like to see that clarified and the board was in agreement.

Motion by Lockwood, seconded by Simons to approve the Resolution was tabled pending clarification of Item #4.

Commissioners' Comments:

Culbert stated it is time to begin the discussion re: the Loose Agreement.

Lockwood noted the meeting she and Koledo had with superintendent Russ Ciesielski re: the plan to move forward with the transfer of the SLPR gymnastics program to Linden Schools. A discussion followed on transitioning the program.

Next Meeting

Lockwood suggested the meeting time be permanently changed to 8:00am. It was the board's consensus to change it beginning with the next meeting on Thursday, September 22nd, 2022 – in person at 8:00 am per discussion.

Adjournment

Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 9:25am

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