

Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District

150 S. Leroy St.

Fenton, MI 48430

Board of Commissioners Meeting- Thursday, March 16th, 2023

7:30am

Call to Order

Chairperson Lockwood called the meeting to order at 7:32am

Attendance/Roll Call

Present: Patricia Lockwood, Ray Culbert, David McDermott, Chris Reid, Rob Kesler

Delayed: Brenda Simons

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 February 28th, 2023 regular meeting minutes

- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
 - Bills paid prior to March 16th, 2023 in the amount of \$53,801.15
 - Payroll paid prior to March 16th, 2023 in the amount of \$20,381.65
 - February 2023 Financial Statements

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

Roll Call:

McDermott Aye

Kesler Aye

Lockwood Aye

Reid Aye

Culbert Aye

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Call to the Audience – None

Director's Report

Koledo gave an update on the pathway grants stating they're still trying to verify awards for phase three and phase four. A discussion followed re: state funding for shovel-ready pathways and federal money earmarked for the project resubmitted by the City of Fenton. He also noted interactions with the community which included meetings with the Keepers of the Shiawassee and Happening in Linden and Grow Linden groups. Koledo stated SLPR is still paying the utilities for the Train Depot and Lockwood stated she'd let the City Manager, Lynn Markland know about it.

Accounting Coordinator's Report

Priestap provided data re: credit card costs and the volume of credit cards processed noting cost have not increased from last year. She also noted that in the past about 60% of registration was done online via credit card compared to a much greater majority of online registration now. Priestap stated program revenue for 2022 was 41.3% of overall revenue with a future goal of increasing that to 60%. Also noted was the 2022 audit schedule to be changed to a later date in the month of April.

Programmers' Report: Priestap noted not much has changed since the last meeting in that programs were still in session and staff is working on the summer brochure. She stated this is the last session for gymnastics which will end in May, and that Open Swim is back on the schedule this Spring on Wednesdays.

Executive Session: 7:45am

Per MCL 15.268(1)(d), the board will go into a closed session to discuss the purchase of property.

Motion by McDermott, seconded by Culbert to go into a closed session to discuss an ongoing legal issue for the purchase of real property.

Roll Call:

Kesler	Aye
Lockwood	Aye
Reid	Aye
Culbert	Aye
McDermott	Aye

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Simons arrived 8:08am

Motion by Culbert, seconded by McDermott to move back to Open session.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Open Session: 8:12am

Motion by McDermott, seconded by Simons to proceed with the signed easement agreement for parcel I.D. #06-28-200-004, issue a letter and check to the property owner, as stipulated in the agreement, and file the easement with the county.

Roll Call:

Kesler	Aye
Lockwood	Aye
Simons	Aye
Reid	Aye
Culbert	Aye

McDermott Aye

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Action Item: Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition – Voluntary Membership Dues Authorization

Koledo noted that SLPR was a voluntary member of the coalition last year and that he'd like to continue the membership this year and requested the \$100 voluntary dues be approved.

Motion by Lockwood, seconded by Reid to approve the \$100 membership to the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition.

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Discussion Item: Schedule Annual Board Goals Workshop for 2023

It was the board's consensus to hold a workshop to review the 2022 goals and to prepare and discuss goals for 2023. The date was set for Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 6:00pm.

Discussion Item: The State Bank Trail Update

Koledo presented the fundraising and grants required of \$816,157 and the plan showing the fundable amount after consideration for the total federal grand funded construction is \$577,428 in additional MDOT TAP requests. This would leave \$238,729 as the remaining fundraising goal if additional federal grants are allocated. A discussion followed re: Southern Genesee County's TAP money will be diminishing due to the census showing housing increased in that area making that area its own section of the County. Koledo also noted two final engineering requirements prior to a final cost estimate is completed, one for the pathway around the lake (EGLE Permit required) including the dam from Silver Lake to Ponemah Lake. and one for the path by Silver Spray Sports. There is a meeting scheduled with the city, the engineers and Ed next week.

Commissioners' Comments:

None

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 27th, 2023 at 7:30am

Adjournment

Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 8:25am

Respectfully Submitted, David McDermott, Secretary

Recording Secretary, Shirley Priestap