

Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District

150 S. Leroy St.

Fenton, MI 48430

Board of Commissioners Meeting- Thursday, May 25th, 2023

7:30am

Call to Order

Chairperson Lockwood called the meeting to order at 7:35am

Attendance/Roll Call

Present: Patricia Lockwood, Ray Culbert, David McDermott, Chris Reid, Brenda Simons

Delayed: Rob Kesler

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

Staff Present: Ed Koledo, Shirley Priestap

Public Present: Carl Gabrielson, Jaclyn von Linsowe

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Approval of the April 27th, 2023 regular meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
 - -Bills paid prior to May 25th, 2023 in the amount \$ 62,056.01
 - -Payroll paid prior to May 25th, 2023 in the amount of \$ 22,750.70
- Approval of the Financial Statements for April 2023

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

Roll Call:

McDermott Aye

Lockwood Aye

Reid Aye

Culbert Aye

Simons Aye

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Call to the Audience – None

Presentations: Carl Gabrielson, The Loose Senior Center Annual Report

Gabrielson presented the 2022 Loose Center Annual Report, noting there had been an influx of people ages 50-67, therefore they offered cardio aerobics classes and a pickleball club to cater to the younger seniors. He also noted programs are offered free to seniors except for those that require a paid instructor. The other programming highlights included quilting, wood carving, and travel programs. Events highlighted were grandparents' day, a chili cook off, community picnic and car show. Gabrielson stated there are 4700 registered members with 1700 active. The finances disclosed a good year with a profit from programs.

Inquiries included grant funding to which von Linsowe explained there aren't a lot of options because of the way Loose is established as a corporate and a non-profit entity. Gabrielson was asked to provide a list of the Loose board members. He noted goals; to add more space and to potentially consider selling the property behind the Center.

Rob Kesler arrived at 7:55am.

Presentation: Allen Gamble, Lewis/Knopf 2022 Audit

Gamble joined the meeting via zoom and presented the Auditor's Opinion stating it was once again a 'clean, unmodified' audit opinion which is the highest level of assurance possible for the district's financial statements. He noted the increase in the fund balance of \$110 thousand; and showed the income statement and fund balance trends. It was apparent that programming is on track to meet the 60% revenue goal.

Presentation: Dennis Leyder, The State Bank Investment Recommendation

Leyder joined the meeting via zoom. Priestap stated she and Koledo had met with Leyder to discuss the current investment and the potential for an additional investment. Leyder gave an update on the value of SLPR's current investment stating the current value at \$307,220. Priestap recommended another \$300,000 be set aside for investing. Leyder described the Federated Hermes Government Obligations SS investment that the funds are currently held in. He also described Treasury Bills and stated the current rates on varied time frames. He noted short term investments for 3 to 6 months had the best rates and that there is no cost to reinvest nor a penalty or cost for early withdrawal.

A discussion followed and it was the board's consensus to look at other options with other banks, but to move \$200,000 into a savings account in the interim.

Motion by Lockwood, seconded by Simons to allow the Executive Director to research interest rates and to move \$200,000 into a savings account with the best rate. (McDermott was excused and left the meeting prior to the motion)

Motion Carried:

5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Director's Report

Koledo gave an update on the pathway stating there is ongoing discussion with DMK/Charter Senior Living path section and NFE re: the cost and coordination with the city to build the path to specifications. Also noted were the two sold properties re: their easement plan.

Koledo reported his community interactions highlighting the Chamber Matters Meeting and the FACT-PEG meeting. He stated Doug Ford with Convergent Technology Partners was hired as the tech coordinator. Also discussed was the potential for a future FACT studio and a FACT/SLPR partnership.

Koledo discussed the ongoing monthly staff lunches and the plan to have a staff dinner for a brainstorming/planning session and he will invite the board members to attend. The installation of the gate at the TRRD was noted and a discussion followed re: the role of the TRRD committee and the municipalities

involvement. Koledo stated the utilities at the train depot have been transferred from SLPR to the City of Fenton. A discussion followed re: the City's cost to repair the damage.

Accounting Coordinator's Report

Priestap noted the first quarter appropriations check was sent to Loose stating it is reasonable to expect their report two to three weeks after the end of the quarter. She also noted special events have been experiencing a loss year to date which is expected to correct itself by year end. She added that typically special events have a low profit margin and are created for the community for a marginal cost with a break-even goal in mind. Priestap also stated Meg Slaght has accepted the position of Program Coordinator/Office Manager and will start work on June 19th with the expectation of a 40-hour work week. Also discussed was the voluntary separation from employment of a part-time employee.

Programmers' Report: Priestap highlighted the Dance Recital stating "Dancing in the Wild" as the theme and the performance scheduled for Saturday, May 27th at Lake Fenton High School. Also noted is the growing Pickleball program and the upcoming Pickleball tournament scheduled for July 1st and 2nd.

Action Item a): Resolution to approve the application for the on-day Special License to serve Beer and Wine at the Art Walk on Saturday, July 29, 2023

Motion by Culbert, seconded by Kesler to approve the resolution as presented.

Motion Carried:

6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Action Item b): Resolution to approve the application for the on-day Special License to serve Beer and Wine at the Witches' Ball on Friday, October 13, 2023

Motion by Culbert, seconded by McDermott to approve the resolution as presented.

Motion Carried:

6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Discussion Item: Summer Brochure

Koledo noted the summer brochure is out for distribution. He also noted his director's report where he highlighted the different groups and organizations that SLPR partners with.

Discussion Item: Programming Options for Rec Center/Park

Koledo shared a list of potential ideas for generating revenue through park development and asked the board for comments. Also listed were accommodations for a Rec Center; SLPR offices, classrooms, gymnasium, dance room and fitness gym. He stated program considerations and potential challenges. Included in the presentation was a diagram of property located in the Township that had potential for athletic fields and courses. A discussion followed re: Koledo's preliminary investigation and permission from the Township Supervisor to work with its engineers to see if the property has potential.

Commissioners' Comments:

None

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 22nd, 2023 at 7:30am

Adjournment

Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 9:35am

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