

**Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District**

150 S. Leroy St.

Fenton, MI 48430

Board of Commissioners Meeting- Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

7:30am

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Lockwood called the meeting to order at 7:30am

**Attendance/Roll Call**

Present: Pat Lockwood, Ray Culbert, David McDermott, Chris Reid, Brenda Simons, Rob Kesler

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

Staff Present: Ed Koledo, Shirley Priestap

Public Present: Damien Siwik, City of Fenton resident

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

- o Approval of the June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 regular meeting minutes
- o Approval of Treasurer’s Report:
  - -Bills paid prior to July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in the amount \$ 43,273.89
  - -Payroll paid prior to July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in the amount of \$ 27,770.67
- o Approval of the Financial Statements for June 2023

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

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

**Call to the Audience** – Mr. Siwik introduced himself as a resident of Fenton on Caroline Street and requested of SLPR that consideration be made when planning events so that outside organizations with agendas or a specific political view were not held in conjunction with regularly planned City and Parks & Recreation events. He expressed concerns that political events held in cooperation with the city may be construed as the city and SLPR endorsing a particular agenda. Lockwood noted the reference was to pride night held in conjunction with the Farmers Market and Concert in the Park event on June 15 and that the city council had received similar requests.

**Director’s Report**

Koledo gave an update on the pathway sponsorships, donations and funding stating the City of Linden closed the deal with DMK (Charter Senior Living development) with a \$60,000 donation to the park and the agreement that DMK/Charter would not be responsible for the construction of the pathway in front of their property. He also stated Michigan Representative Mike Mueller had secured money for the Linden Mill building and some needed road repairs, but the pathway funding had fallen through, however he’s confident Mueller will continue to work towards getting some funding in the future. Koledo also noted the successful meeting between NFE and MDOT and the DNR re: the pathway around the lake and the ADA requirements at Silver Spray. NFE convinced both that it was in the best interest to have the pathway on the southside and

there will be consideration for erosion control and the cross-slope plan in front of Silver Spray was acceptable. All permits will be given. Construction is likely to be able to start in early Spring after the trees are taken down, in the Winter. Koledo noted the next step is to get the last two easement agreements signed and process the agreements with the county. Considerations and planning needs to soon begin and a timeline prepared for phase 3 and phase 4, to include Fenton Township's 5-year parks and rec plan.

Koledo reported his community interactions highlighting the City of Linden River Roast event. McDermott asked about the Gus Macker meetings. Koledo explained he takes an advisory role, helps plan logistics and volunteers his time.

Koledo discussed the TRRD brick fundraiser. Lockwood stated the group needs a five-year plan on how it should be organized with a firm commitment from Fenton Township. Also discussed was the Hogan Road launch site initiative by the Keepers of the Shiawassee and access to the river. He stated the Keepers paid Rowe Engineering for a plan for a gravel parking lot and launch area with a decline into the river. The City of Linden and the City of Fenton summer events were noted and included Back to Bricks, Art Walk, NNO, and Concerts. Koledo also discussed the meeting with Genesee County Parks and the layout of a disc golf course. He stated the Deputy Director approved of the plan and that we will look for grants and county assistance to clear the area and create the course.

Koledo also discussed the mold issue at the Community Center. He stated a plan is in the works to repair the leak and remediate the mold.

#### **Accounting Coordinator's Report**

Priestap stated \$200,000 was transferred from the regular checking account into a nine-month CD investment at a rate of 5%. She also noted that the second quarter financial report from the Loose Senior Center had been received and that the appropriation check in the amount of \$15,000 would be mailed. She also stated that the County reported they had sent SLPR's delinquent tax appropriations to the City of Fenton and Fenton Township in error and that we should expect to receive the funds from the municipalities. She noted SLPR has received \$7,075.83 from the City of Fenton and is waiting on \$14,181.39 from the Township. Priestap also stated Linden Schools paid in full the amount of \$65,000 for the gymnastics equipment.

**Programmers' Report:** A written report was provided.

**Program Coordinator/Office Manager:** Meg Slaght provided a written report noting the Michigan Department of Labor and economic Opportunity grant she is working on. Koledo stated the funds would be for free programming and that Slaght has several program ideas for use of the grant money. Also noted were new programs that she has in mind which include instructional lacrosse and indoor golf, woodworking, survival skills, skating, and golf teams for high school-aged kids that don't make their high school team.

#### **Commissioners' Comments:**

- Simons noted a concern about renters at the Center getting into restricted areas.
- Reid was grateful for the efforts of Mike Mueller and the Linden Mill funding.
- Culbert stated City Attorneys and Loose attorneys were in positive discussions and the City and Loose should be able to fashion an agreement on how Loose will operate in the future.
- Lockwood noted the bricks at Veteran's Park.

**Next Meeting**

Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30am

**Adjournment**

Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 8:40am

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