

Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District

150 S. Leroy St.

Fenton, MI 48430

Board of Commissioners Meeting- Thursday, August 17th, 2023

7:30am

Call to Order

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

Attendance/Roll Call

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

Remote: 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

- o Approval of the July 27th, 2023 regular meeting minutes
- o Approval of Treasurer’s Report:
 - -Bills paid prior to August 17th , 2023 in the amount \$ 68,779.94
 - -Payroll paid prior to August 17th, 2023 in the amount of \$ 26,160.01
- o Approval of the Financial Statements for July 2023

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

Roll Call:

Reid Aye Culbert Aye

Lockwood Aye Kesler Aye

Simons Aye

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Call to the Audience – None present

Director’s Report

Koledo discussed both Fenton and Linden’s Back to the Bricks events thanking the volunteers, Police and Fire Departments, and the DPW’s for all the hard work making the events safe and successful. He also noted Remax Realty and their request to have a hot air balloon at one of the upcoming markets or events in Fenton. A discussion followed re: the need for permits and the liability. It was noted that it would be held in conjunction with the farmer’s market on September 14th and SLPR and Remax would do whatever was required by the City.

Discussion Item: Dates for the 2024 Budget Workshop

Priestap stated the 2024 budget process has begun and that a date for board review and discussion should be scheduled in September. A discussion followed and the date for the workshop will be Thursday, September 21st at 7:30am at the Fenton Community Center.

Discussion Item: Easement Update for the State Bank Trail

Koledo stated the owners of the two properties that changed hands have agreed on a price and will sign next week. He also noted that another property had changed hands and that the new owner may not waive the funding and another \$3,900 may be added to the total cost of easement acquisitions. He noted the process was almost complete and only required final signatures and confirmation on the final property funding. Also discussed was the submission requirements for easement documents.

Discussion Item: Pathway Phase 3 and 4 Update

Koledo discussed a fall '23 timeline for beginning public forums on the priority for phase 3 and phase 4, once planning for phase 2 was complete.

Discussion Item: Rec Center and Park Planning Update with Fenton Township

Koledo presented ideas, wants, and needs for a potential Rec Center on the property that is currently the dog park in Fenton Township. He also presented the diagram created by Lawrence Engineering and the potential use of the property for a multipurpose building, pickleball courts, sports fields, and gardens. Koledo explained that in partnership with the Township this property development is within the parameters of both SLPR's and Fenton Township's master plan. He also explained that the Township supervisor, Vince Lorraine, would like a resolution from the SLPR board that shows SLPR's interest in exploring the development of a plan for the property and to explore funding sources. He explained the resolution is necessary for seeking funding opportunities. A discussion followed re: the location and layout. Both Fenton Township SLPR board members were in agreement that the resolution did not bind SLPR to a commitment to accept the free property, but that it was a resolution to agree to work with the Township to explore a plan and funding potential.

It was the board's consensus to test the feasibility of the location and to ask that the resolution first be brought to the Fenton Township board so both boards agreed with a joint resolution.

Accounting Coordinator's Report

Priestap stated the L-4029 Millage Request Report is prepared and pending a review from the county equalization before it will be submitted. She also noted the Headlee Rollback millage reduction fraction determined by the State when the annual growth on existing property is greater than the rate of inflation. In her written report she noted the levy will be .3418 mils for the 2024 budget.

Priestap explained the City of Fenton Arts & Cultural Commission has requested SLPR provide beer and wine services for their upcoming story telling and author events in September and November and that the special licenses required board approval. A discussion followed re: the City of Fenton would provide the insurance for the event and SLPR is providing a TAM certified staff person to serve.

Action Item: Approval of the 2023 L-4029 Millage Levy

Motion by Reid, seconded by Kesler to approve the L-4029 Millage Levy rate of .3418 subject to county review.

Motion Carried:

5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Action Item: Approval of the Special Liquor Licenses for the Arts & Cultural Commission's Events

Motion by Reid, seconded by Kesler to approve the Special licenses for the upcoming Arts and Cultural Commission's events on September 9 and November 6.

Motion Carried:

5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Action Item: Expenditures for the Easement Agreements for the State Bank Trail

Koledo stated the City of Fenton received \$500,000 from the State Bank for trail expenditures. He also stated that SLPR is prepared to pay out the easement agreements in the amount of \$177,463.98 and that eventually SLPR would be reimbursed through the pathway funding for these costs. A discussion followed re: asking if the City of Fenton would use the State Bank funds to pay the easement costs.

Motion by Lockwood, seconded by Culbert to approve and authorize the payment of the easement agreements as presented or up to \$178,000.

Motion Carried:

5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Action Item: Approval of the Resolution to continue planning with Fenton Township towards a Rec Center and Park on their Thompson Road Property

No motion made.

Programmers' Report: A written report was provided.

Commissioners' Comments:

- Lockwood shared the upcoming Black Tie Fenton Education Foundation event. It was the board's consensus to have the Director attend with a guest.

Next Meeting

Budget Study Session, Thursday, September 21st, 2023 at 7:30am

Regular Monthly Meeting, Thursday, September 28th, 2023 at 7:30am

Adjournment

Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 8:45am

Respectfully Submitted, David McDermott, Secretary

Recording Secretary, Shirley Priestap