

Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District

Fenton Community & Cultural Center

150 S. Leroy St., Fenton, MI 48430

Board of Commissioners Meeting- Friday, May 23rd, 2025

7:30am

Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Simons called the meeting to order at 7:30am

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance/Roll Call

Present: Brenda Simons, Chris Reid, David McDermott, Rob Kesler, Liz Armstrong

Absent: Pat Lockwood – via phone

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

Staff Present: Ed Koledo, Shirley Priestap

Call to the Audience

None present

Presentation of the 2024 Audit: Allen Gamble, Lewis/Knopf via Zoom

For 2024, SLPR again received a “Clean” or “Unmodified” audit opinion—the highest level of assurance possible for its financial statements—and adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 101, for compensated absences. It was noted that SLPR had that GASB compensated absences reporting in place. SLPR had a \$52,000 increase in fund balance in 2024.

It was noted that should the revenue and expenses in the DDA grant budget line item go over, then a budget amendment is recommended.

Motion by McDermott, seconded by Kesler to receive the 2024 Audit as presented.

Motion Carried:

5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Approval of the April 25th, 2025 regular meeting minutes
- Approval of the May 1st, 2025 Policy Committee meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer’s Report:
 - -Bills paid prior to May 23rd, 2025 the amount \$37,044.39
 - -Payroll paid prior to May 23rd, 2025 in the amount of \$25,618.18
 - Financial Statements for April 30th, 2025

Motion by McDermott, seconded by Simons to approve the consent agenda as presented

Motion Carried:

5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Director's Report

Koledo noted the temporary easements for the pathway were completed where two deeds had to be updated. Also noted was the joint advertorial - for the DDA sponsored events in Fenton and Linden - would be posted in the Tri County Times. Koledo stated he would be a judge at the Sam's Club upcoming rib cookoff to promote SLPR and FCCC.

Koledo noted the following community interactions and meetings he attended: Chamber Matters Orientation, Networking After Hours, Linden Car Shows, Flint Gus Macker, Family Night Planning, networking with high school art teachers re: art display at FCCC and a meeting with LAFF re: upcoming Paddle and Pedal event. He also organized the DPW appreciation lunch for both Fenton and Linden which included the HIL committee and Chamber of Commerce.

Koledo discussed the City of Fenton's car show event "Rev up Fenton" to take the place of the Back to the Bricks tune up party that was cancelled. The date is scheduled for Thursday, August 7th and is in the planning stages.

The FCCC annual report to the Rackham Foundation has been completed and submitted.

Accounting Coordinator's Report

Priestap presented a written report and noted the check to the Loose Senior Center for the 1st quarter had not been sent. Per agreement, it will be sent upon receipt of the financial statements.

Programmers' Report

A written report was presented with several new classes on the schedule for summer: Paddleboarding, Sourdough Bread, Kids Acting, Brazilian Percussion, and Adult Safety and Adult Flag Football League.

Discussion Item (a): SLPR's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Plans are in the works to add activities to an upcoming Family Night event to celebrate SLPR's Silver Anniversary and promote SLPR. It was suggested that an ad be placed in the Tri County Times.

Discussion Item (b): SLPR's Annual Report

Koledo stated the presentation data needed some revisions and will be presented in July.

Commissioner's Comments:

Lockwood noted the City of Fenton's Veteran's Park received a 1st place award and gave thanks to the DPW.

Also noted was the cancellation of the June meeting.

Next Meeting

Regular Monthly Meeting, Friday, July 25th, 2025 at 7:30am at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

Adjournment:

Vice Chairperson Simons adjourned the meeting at 8:07am

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