

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

Fenton Community & Cultural Center

150 S. Leroy St., Fenton, MI 48430

Board of Commissioners Meeting- Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

7:30am

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Lockwood called the meeting to order at 7:36am

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Attendance/Roll Call**

Present: Pat Lockwood, Chris Reid, David McDermott, Liz Armstrong

Absent: Rob Kesler – via phone

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

Delayed: Brenda Simons arrived 7:45am

Staff Present: Ed Koledo, Shirley Priestap

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Approval of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 regular meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
  - -Bills paid prior to July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the amount \$130,474.68
  - -Payroll paid prior to July June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

Roll Call:

Lockwood Aye

McDermott Aye

Reid Aye

Armstrong Aye

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

**Call to the Audience**

None present.

**Introduction: Randy Lang**

Koledo introduced SLPR's new Athletic/League Programmer hired to replace Mike Gagne who will be leaving at the end of July.

**Director's Report**

Koledo noted Phase 2 (ChoiceOne Bank Trail) funding is complete and that Kroger may be interested in being a sponsor. Also noted were the community interactions including volunteering at Linden's River Roast and the LAFF Pathway Pedal and Paddle events. He described the success of the June and July Family Nights in Fenton.

Koledo gave an update on the potential Rec Center and Park at the Thompson Road Regional Dog Park, stating that Fenton Township has been working the details to involve the community in the idea of the park and try to gauge the interest of a fundraising committee, since the park will be upwards of \$10 million. He also gave an update on the Hogan Road River access stating that final approval of the plan looks to be August 14<sup>th</sup> and then the project can be sent out for bid by the Twp.

The Fenton Car Show was discussed, and registration has begun for the August 7<sup>th</sup> event. Koledo noted Linden would not be doing a car show but are considering Downtown Day, a historical type of event in September.

Koledo updated the progress on the office kitchen stating the mold remediation is on going and the cabinets, ceiling tiles and cork insulation were removed. The stairs and deck above the kitchen were sealed, as that area was identified as the source of the leak.

Lockwood asked that the Fenton Community Center logo glass dishware be washed, packed and stored and that the City of Fenton should be contacted to take care of it.

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

Priestap noted the bills paid prior to the meeting were high because they included everything paid since the last meeting in May. She also noted many of the checks written were for the DDA sponsored summer concerts and events and that SLPR will be reimbursed this Fall.

Priestap stated the check from Genessee County for the collection of delinquent taxes was received in the amount of \$26,345.07. She noted that the L-4029 Tax Rate Request form for the millage levy for 2026 will be prepared and presented for board approval in August. She also stated that at the half-year mark programming is doing very well.

#### **Programmers' Report**

A written report was presented.

#### **Discussion Item (a): Policy Review**

McDermott stated that the policy committee requested all SLPR's policy to review and updated. The committee will present a summary of the updates which would include a policy on member attendance and virtual attendance.

#### **Discussion Item (b): 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Koledo shared the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary banner and logo and discussed the plan for a community celebration with a Family Night on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

A discussion followed re: how to make the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary more engaging and memorable. It was the Board's consensus to do a press release, post something in the Fall Brochure, and tie the anniversary logo into all events. Also discussed was having the three school districts and municipalities recognize the milestone with a proclamation and doing some sort of event/program

to capitalize on the milestone. Also, the “actual” 25<sup>th</sup> year would be in 2026, so the new director will have the opportunity to help develop the initiatives.

**Discussion Item (c): SLPR’s 2024 Annual Report**

Koledo presented the report and took note of the Board’s comments and will update it before he presents it to the municipalities.

**Discussion Item (d): Executive Director Search**

Koledo presented a press release to announce his upcoming retirement and a detailed transition plan. A discussion followed re: the steps to posting the job, the interview process, and the hiring of his replacement. It was the Board’s consensus that the announcement would be made on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting**

Regular Monthly Meeting, Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at 7:30am at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center.

**Adjournment:**

Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 8:45am

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