

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

Fenton Community & Cultural Center

150 S. Leroy St., Fenton, MI 48430

Board of Commissioners Meeting- Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

7:30am

**Call to Order**

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

Koledo asked that a discussion item to be added to the agenda:

Discussion Item (d) Agreement between SLPR and Loose Senior Center.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Attendance/Roll Call**

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

Excused: Dave McDermott

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

Delayed: Liz Armstrong - arrived 7:40am

Staff Present: Ed Koledo, Shirley Priestap

Motion by Lockwood, seconded by Kesler, to excuse McDermott from attending the meeting.

Roll Call:

Lockwood Aye

Simons Aye

Kesler Aye

Reid Aye

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Approval of July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, regular meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report:
  - Bills paid prior to August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, in the amount \$75,058.54
  - Payroll paid prior to August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, in the amount of \$28,882.30
  - Financial Statements for July 2025

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

Roll Call:

Lockwood Aye

Kelser Aye

Reid Aye

Simons Aye

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

### **Call to the Audience**

None present.

### **Director's Report**

Koledo discussed the recent events in partnership with the Fenton DDA highlighting the success of Art Walk and the number of artists and attendees. Lockwood noted the SLPR staff are the driving force behind the City's support, as well as the Fenton Arts and Culture Commission. Also highlighted was the new Rev Up Fenton car show and how successful and fun it was despite last-minute planning. He commended staff and the volunteers from the Hot Rod Association stating the size of the event was perfect. 150 cars participated and we were prepared to handle 300. People commented on how nice it was as a more family friendly event. He also talked about the success of Fenton Family Nights and how many people come from all over to attend. A discussion followed re: other area events.

Koledo gave an update on the disc golf course stating that with the summer heat, volunteers have paused on clearing the Linden City Park. He noted that the park has been cleared to hole 7.

The FCCC office kitchen was reported as completed with the exterior building sealed from rain and in the interior sealed from leakage and the mold remediated. Koledo noted staff have moved back in. He also discussed the need to find a new warehouse for storage stating he will take part in the inventory, purging, and relocating the equipment and items. A discussion followed re: finding another facility for low or no cost.

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

Priestap stated the annual L4029 Millage Request Report has been completed with the 2026 millage levy set at .3347, with the .4000 mils reduced by the Headlee Rollback millage reduction rate. She noted the millage levy has decreased from .3384 in 2025. However, with the current property valuation the SLPR tax revenue would be estimated at \$639,000 for 2026 – up from 2025.

She also noted that of the bills paid prior to the meeting many were for the DDA sponsored summer concerts and events and that SLPR will be reimbursed this Fall.

Priestap stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Loose financial statements have been received and that the check would be cut to Loose in the amount of \$12,500 with the next check run.

A discussion followed re: a member of the SLPR board to be a member of the Loose Senior Center advisory board.

Motion by Reid, seconded by Armstrong, to accept the Executive Director and Accounting Coordinator's reports as presented.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

**Programmers' Report**

A written report was presented. Priestap highlighted the "Planking Challenge" that was held during the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bonus Family Night. She stated SLPR gift cards were awarded to the winners with 24 kids and several adults participating.

**Action Item: Approval of the L 4029 – Millage Request**

Priestap presented a resolution for the board to accept the L 4029 Millage Rate Request of .3347.

Motion by Lockwood, seconded by Simons to approve and accept the report as presented.

Motion Carried: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays

**Discussion Item (a): Set a September date for 2026 Budget Review**

Priestap stated the budget review in September will start with the finance committee with the 2026 budget to be presented to the board in October. Kesler suggested the finance meeting immediately follow the regular board meeting on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Discussion Item (b): 2024 Annual Report Review**

Koledo presented the revised 2024 Annual Report via power point and noted the comments added to the slides as explanations and support of the data. It was the board's consensus that it was ready for presentation. A discussion followed re: the status of the LAFF pathway. Koledo stated all systems are in place and it's in the hands of the MDOT.

**Discussion Item (c): Update on the Executive Director Search**

Priestap shared the list of the eleven resumes received to date. A discussion followed re: keeping the job posting active for another two weeks. Priestap was asked to sit on the hiring committee.

**Discussion Item (d): Agreement between SLPR and Loose Senior Center**

Koledo stated that based on his conversations, the overall feeling is that Loose is coming into normal operations and that there is a willingness to partner with SLPR on programming. A discussion followed re: Loose giving evening access to the Center for SLPR programming. It was the consensus that offering evening fitness programs would be beneficial to both organizations.

**Commissioner Comments:**

Lockwood noted the upcoming retirement of the Fenton Police Chief. She also noted the upcoming Apple Fest and the Holiday Pops tickets.

**Next Meeting**

Regular Monthly Meeting, Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:30am at the Fenton Community & Cultural Center. Followed by the Finance Committee Meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 9:10am

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