

Southern Lakes Regional Metropolitan Parks & Recreation District
Fenton Community & Cultural Center
150 S. Leroy St., Fenton, MI 48430
Board of Commissioners Meeting- Friday, November 21st, 2025
7:30am

Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Simons called the meeting to order at 7:31am

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance/Roll Call

Present: Chris Reid, Brenda Simons, David McDermott, Elizabeth Armstrong
Excused: Rob Kesler, Patricia Lockwood
Roll Call: Simons declared there was a quorum with four board members
Staff Present: Ed Koledo, Shirley Priestap, Tyler Carpenter
Public Present: None

Call to the Audience

None Present

Approval of Consent Agenda

- Approval of October 24th, 2025, regular meeting minutes
- Approval of Treasurer’s Report:
 - Bills paid prior to November 21st, 2025, in the amount \$46,372.38
 - Payroll paid prior to November 21st, 2025, in the amount of \$23,003.43
 - Financial Statements for October 2025

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

Roll Call:

Reid	Aye
Simons	Aye
Armstrong	Aye
McDermott	Aye

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Koledo introduced Tyler Carpenter, the newly hired Executive Director, to take his place and described the onboarding process for the next two weeks. Koledo explained he will remain available for any questions. The board welcomed Carpenter to SLPR. Carpenter introduced himself and the board welcomed him to the team.

Director's Report

Koledo discussed the groundbreaking ceremony for Phase 2 – the Choice One Bank trail – and stated that LAFF was reviewing what their responsibilities might be in P3 and P4, as there has been interest expressed by the county planning commission to help develop of 60 miles of pathway into the county...and P3 and P4 are included in that 60 miles. He also stated LAFF knows they have a legacy responsibility to reimburse SLPR for any overages that the Phase 2 project may incur to which SLPR has committed to pay.

Koledo highlighted the Chamber Dinner and stated he and Lockwood accepted the Legacy Award on behalf of SLPR. He also highlighted the Fenton Ladies Night Out dance that SLPR assisted with stating it was a hit and may become a future partnered event with that committee. Koledo noted other community interactions with the newspaper and bank's 'Coffee and Connections'; his presentation at the Rotary's Veteran's breakfast; and the Charter Senior Living Memorial Wall dedication.

Also discussed was the Hogan Road river access – the Keeper's of the Shiawassee's project – stating that the updated bids came in five times higher than expected. The project is on hold until the spring as the Keepers and township determine their next steps. Koledo discussed cleaning out the warehouse and stated the plan was to have Two Men and a Truck, with a dumpster, the first week in December to move SLPR's stored items to a different location.

Accounting Coordinator's Report

Priestap stated the invoice for the City of Fenton DDA summer events – Farmer's Market, Concerts in the Park, Art Walk, Family Nights, and Rev Up Car Show – has been submitted for reimbursement in the amount of \$100,507.76. Included in that is SLPR's management fee.

Also stated was the receipt of CDBG funding from the City of Fenton in the amount of \$3,325.75 as reimbursement for the Senior Friday 2025 year to date expenses. Priestap also stated that she was informed that Fenton Township has granted CDBG funding in the amount of \$5,000 for the senior programming for 2026.

Priestap stated the interest rate on CD investment at Choice One Bank has decreased from 4.14% to 2.99% and will mature in July 2026. She also noted that programs are winding down for the year and that there isn't much more revenue expected from recreation. Any revenue now and into December will be deferred to the 2026 programs that will start in January.

Discussion Item (a): Van Update

Koledo stated the van he had his eye on had sold and will continue to look for other options.

Discussion Item (b): Five Year Strategic Plan Goals Update

Koledo presented the annual Goals and Objectives overview noting how it evolved and where to look for the goals that were met. He stated that Carpenter would be working with the Board on 2026 ongoing goals and the creation of the objectives and initiatives for those.

Discussion Item (c): SLPR Director’s Project and Responsibility Timeline

Koledo shared a Gantt Chart that highlights the progress of the Director’s projects on a timeline. A discussion followed re: setting a calendar for Carpenter’s meetings and documenting SLPR commitments.

Discussion Item (d): Monthly vs Quarterly Programmers Reports

It was the consensus that a quarterly report from the programmers would be sufficient because not a lot of updates or changes occur month to month.

Action Item (a): SLPR/Loose Agreement

Koledo stated the prior changes made to the agreement last month – 3 years – with appropriations of \$50,000 the first year; \$45,000 + \$5,000 program grant the second year; and \$40,000 + \$10,000 program grant the third year – was agreeable with Loose and they accepted it without change.

Motion by Simons, seconded by Armstrong, to approve the agreement as presented.

Roll Call:

- Reid Aye
- McDermott Aye
- Armstrong Aye
- Simons Aye

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Action Item (b): Changing the Signatories on the Choice One Bank Accounts

Priestap explained Choice One’s process for adding Carpenter to the bank accounts and that they required board approval and meeting minutes. She presented three motions and Vice Chairperson Simons read the following:

Motion: To add Tyler Carpenter, SLPR Executive Director, to the following Choice One Bank Accounts as an authorized signer and to remove Ed Koledo:

- Business Checking – Account ending in 4201
- CD – Certificate ending in 9172
- Investment/Money Market – Wealth Management Account ending 8036

Moved by McDermott, seconded by Reid

Motion Carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Motion: To continue to authorize Patricia Lockwood, SLPR Board Chair, as a signer on the following Choice One Bank accounts:

- Business Checking – Account ending in 4201
- CD – Certificate ending in 9172
- Investment/Money Market – Wealth Management Account ending 8036

Moved by McDermott, seconded by Reid

Motion carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Motion: To continue to authorize Shirley Priestap, Accounting Coordinator, to speak on behalf of SLPR with Choice One Bank staff regarding all account information and related banking matters.

Moved by McDermott, seconded by Reid

Motion carried: 4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Commissioner Comments

Simons thanked the personnel committee for their work on finding and hiring a new Director, stating that she is pleased with the direction and looks forward to the future.

Next Meeting

Regular Monthly Meeting, in lieu of the regular meeting, SLPR and FCCC are co-hosts of the upcoming Networking at Noon event on Thursday, December 18th at 11:30am.

Adjournment:

Chairperson Lockwood adjourned the meeting at 8:15am

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