



Recreational Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe Board Meeting Minutes

City Manager's Conference Room – Roseville City Hall

29777 Gratiot Ave., Roseville, MI 48066

3:30 pm – January 9, 2019

Meeting called to order 3:33 p.m.

A. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Hogan, Mr. Frontera, Mr. Merucci, Mr. Adkins are all present. Mr. Switalski was excused due to a prior engagement

B. Approval of Minutes for meeting on December 12, 2018

- a. Motion to approve the November minutes was made by Mr. Merucci, supported by Mr. Frontera. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

C. Approval of Disbursements and Budget Report

- a. Motion to approve the Disbursements was made by Mr. Merucci and supported by Mr. Hogan. Motion to approve the Budget Report was made by Mr. Merucci and supported by Mr. Frontera. Mr. Walters mentioned about having the amended budget report at the February meeting. Mr. Merucci questioned what the local community stabilization share tax was. Mr. Walters responded that it is the reimbursement for personal property tax. Mr. Merucci also commented about unemployment & workers compensation and seeing the footnotes. Mr. Walters commented that it would be getting amended. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

D. Communication

- a. Mr. Lipinski had no new communications.

E. Old Business

- a. No old business

F. New Business

- a. **Presentation to the Hansen Family, 28888 Citation, Roseville, the winner of the Recreation Authority 2018 Holiday Lights Display Contest**
 - i. Hansen Family was unable to attend meeting.
- b. **Request from Life Skills Center to waive rental fees to use a room at the Recreation Authority Center**
 - i. Mr. Lipinski explained that Life Skills a training center for people with disabilities that requested a room at the Recreation Center at no cost twice a month. Mr. Merucci commented that all groups have a good worthy cause and he wouldn't know how to differentiate the different organizations and what fees were charged; then asked what fee is charged to the organizations such as Goodfellows, Lions Club, Optimist Club. Mr. Lipinski stated that we do have those such groups that rent out a room once a month at a non-profit rate. Mr. Frontera questioned whether they were looking for scheduled times or just coming in if there's open availability. Mr. Lipinski responded that they were looking to schedule dates with the Recreation Authority Center on a regular basis. Mr. Adkins read their request as a supplemental program as an extension of programs. Mr. Hogan motions to approve the request to allow the use of the room for free unless the room is requested by a paid rental, Mr. Adkins seconds the motion. Mr. Frontera, and Mr. Hogan approved; Mr. Merucci and Mr. Adkins oppose. Motion failed as presented.
- c. **Discussion on policy/procedure and limits for Hearing of Public at meetings.**
 - i. Mr. Adkins provided a proposed public comments policy. Mr. Adkins states that it's common practice for city boards to have a policy in place, there generally isn't any confrontational issues but it occasionally we have items that several people do speak on. Many organizations especially governments use the Citizen's Advocacy Group. Eastpointe City Council policy for public comments is a 3-minute rule and open comments at either time of the hearing of the public. Roseville City Council policy for public comments is a 3-minute rule with first public hearing being specific to agenda items only and the second hearing is for open comments. Mr. Adkins proposed to move the hearing of the public to the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Merucci believes that the public hearing merits 2. Mr. Frontera agrees to have a public hearing at the beginning of the meeting for agenda items only and another hearing at the end of the meeting for open comments. Mr. Lipinski requested any comments or amendments to the proposed policy be forwarded to him.

G. Hearing of the Public

- a. Mr. Harvey Creech of Eastpointe, asked about machinery costing \$38,000. Mr. Walters responded that \$30,000 is for a replacement sign board for the median on Gratiot that has not be purchased yet, \$8,000 is for a duplicator (copy machine). Mr. Creech commented on not being able to get the packet information. It was discussed by the board to add the packet to the R.A.R.E. website. Mr. Creech also commented on office equipment. Mr. Walters responded that office equipment includes, staff computers, Senior Center computers but also includes just equipment such as mats for the gym. Mr. Adkins comments that the meeting to go to get the breakdown is presented at the is the budget meetings. Full details are available with the budget report. Mr. Creech requested on having shuffleboard courts in the Large gym at the Recreation Authority Center.
- b. Ms. Monique Owens of Eastpointe, is concerned with the time frame that the R.A.R.E. board meeting. She stated that it is difficult for people to attend when the meeting time is 3:30 p.m. and school aged children get out of school around this same time. She thanked Mr. Lipinski for the Tree Lighting event for Eastpointe. Ms. Owens commented on the use of the swimming pool in either Eastpointe or Roseville. Mr. Lipinski thanks Ms. Owens for providing contact phone numbers for musicians for the Tree Lighting event and commented back about the swimming pool use. Mr. Adkins commented on the timing of the meetings, the date/time is set in the month of December for the upcoming year.
- c. Ms. Karen Mouradjian of Eastpointe, reiterated her concern for petting zoo's and the neglect that happens to the animals with them at local events.
- d. Ms. Carolyn of Eastpointe, also stated concern for having petting zoo's and how they are handled.

H. Discussion by Director

- a. The Daddy/Daughter Dance was moved up to December 14th, the event was sold out. There were a few changes; one being it's been moved back to the Recreation Authority. On December 10th there was a strudel making class that went very well. There is another strudel class scheduled for later this month along with a tamale making class. Indoor tennis lessons and gymnastics will be starting this week. December 14th was also the Senior Holiday party held at Eastpointe Manor which was also sold out, Santa did make an appearance for the seniors. January 31st is a bus trip to Motor City Casino, there is currently about 26 registered but is sure to sell out. February 9th – 10th is a family fun trip to Kalahari Waterpark, which is already sold out. All of the basketball and volleyball leagues have started, we have a lot more registrations this year for these leagues than we've had in the past. The Recreation Authority is now taking registrations for Summer baseball/softball and Summer Day Camp. Reservations for pavilions begins Monday, February 4th. Mr. Hogan asked about having a meeting with coaches and umpires prior to the season start for baseball/softball.

I. Discussion by Board Members

- a. Mr. Frontera – nothing at this time
- b. Mr. Hogan – nothing at this time
- c. Mr. Merucci – Questioned about having Andy Sowinski back at a meeting for a final report. Requested having the R.A.R.E. Board packets on the R.A.R.E. website. In respect to the membership list for the board members; Mr. Hogan's date is incorrect, would like his name listed as Joseph and asked about contact information being on the board member list. Asked about flyers being brought to Eastpointe City hall and thanked Mr. Lipinski for supplying the flyers. Mentioned the Senior Newsletter has the wrong name for the Eastpointe School district. Requested information in regards to Eastpointe parks and if there are any issues if he could be notified.
- d. Mr. Adkins – One of our first items on the new sign board is highlighting the Recreation Authority and its' website.

Meeting adjourned – 4:30 p.m.