



## Recreational Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe Board Meeting Minutes

Conference Room - Recreation Authority Center via ZOOM

18185 Sycamore, Roseville, MI 48066

4:00 pm December 9, 2020

Meeting called to order 4:02 p.m.

### A. Roll Call

- a. Mr. Hogan, Mr. Switalski, Mr. Walters and Mr. Merucci are present. Mr. Frontera is absent.

### B. Approval of Minutes

- a. **Approval of Minutes for Regular meeting on November 11, 2020**
  - i. Motion to approve the November Regular meeting minutes was made by Mr. Switalski, supported by Mr. Hogan. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

### C. Approval of Disbursements and Budget Report

- a. **Disbursement #5**
  - i. Motion to approve disbursement #5 was made by Mr. Switalski, supported by Mr. Walters. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.
- b. **Revenue/Expense Report**
  - i. Motion to approve the revenue/expense report was made by Mr. Switalski, supported by Mr. Hogan. Mr. Merucci questioned the insurance (MML) amount, Mr. Walters responded that we did not have the pricing at the time of the budget but after amendments and refunds the amount approved should be around the same. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

### D. Hearing of the Public – agenda items only

- a. Ms. Kennedy – Commented on park entertainment usage and believes that it should be allowed in the parks. Also stated that she missed the pool being in the city.
- b. Ms. Lynn – Commented on park entertainment usage and also believes that it should be allowed in the parks.
- c. Ms. Easley – Commented on park entertainment usage and also believes that it should be allowed in the parks. Ms. Easley suggested trying to find an alternate avenue or policy prior to banning entertainment at the park.

### E. Communications

- a. Mr. Lipinski shared results from the Red Cross blood drive from November and that another blood drive was being hosted today as well. The Rec Cross is having difficulties securing a location for the blood drives. A thank you letter was sent to the Senior Office Staff in regards to some of the programs and giveaways that have been happening.

### F. Old Business

- a. **Request approval to eliminate the allowance of inflatables/dunk tanks/pony rides/petty zoo/large tents for Pavilion Rentals in parks for non-City of Eastpointe/Roseville or non-Recreation Authority events.**
  - i. Mr. Switalski questioned if there were any items that cause more issues than others; if we could add deposits to allowing the items; or change the policy prior to completely banning. Mr. Lipinski responded that it's not just about having the items out at the park, it's how staff is being treated from the start of the reservation to the rental date. Staff is getting threatened; spoken to and treated poorly by the renters and participants of the rentals. Mr. Hogan commented that we want it just as much as anyone else but having worked as a park attendant and dealt with the threats he understands wanting to eliminate these items. Mr. Merucci commented that it was on the agenda for the Eastpointe Parks Commission Board last month and they support the Recreation Authority's decision to eliminate the allowance of inflatables/dunk tanks/pony rides/petty zoo/large tents. A motion to table the approval to eliminate the allowance of inflatables/dunk tanks/pony rides/ petty zoo/large tents was made by Mr. Switalski, supported by Mr. Hogan. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.
- b. **Discuss printing of Newsletter**
  - i. Mr. Lipinski stated that with this new order we did have to cancel more programs. Sara and Amanda have been working on the newsletter which will be sent out digitally and uploaded on our website. These

programs are also still subject to change based on the pandemic and orders that are set. We are hoping to have it sent out by the end of next week.

**G. New Business**

**a. Update on SMART Parking Lot Improvement Project**

i. Mr. Lipinski stated that the base layer and finishing layer; lanes have been painted. There is a delay with the manufacturer for the carport for the SMART vans and a delay with the electronic gate. The gate should be installed this Friday (December 11<sup>th</sup>) along with the other gate and finishing touches on the fence line. There has not been an update on when the carport will be installed.

**b. Update on programming and staffing since the announcement of Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253**

i. Mr. Lipinski stated that the programs have been canceled through the end of the year; the only running programs are the fitness room, walking in the gym, senior van transportation and dining senior style/meals on wheels. Staff is minimal; most part time staff is not working at this time. Our current hours are Monday – Friday 9:00am-4:00pm.

**H. Hearing of the Public**

a. Ms. Kennedy – Thanked the board for the additional information regarding the parks.

b. Ms. Easley – Thanked the board for the opportunity to look into the ban further and would like to see the approved vendors have a little more input in what is going on.

c. Ms. Lynn – Suggested the use of reserve officers and building the fees in to the rental fees for having the officers out at the parks. Also, suggested having the vendors more accountable for things.

**I. Discussion by Director**

a. Mr. Lipinski commented that the meals on wheels program did start up a couple weeks ago. November is typically the Big Bird Run, this year was done as a virtual event. There are a few packets that will be mailed out and instead of turkeys for prizes we'll be sending out gift cards. A few weeks ago the Red Cross contacted the Recreation Authority in regards to hosting a blood drive event after the school that they were scheduled to be at canceled. Mary in the Senior Office is working on a stocking stuffer event for some of the seniors that have not been able to get out. These stockings stuffed with goodies will be delivered to the seniors.

**J. Discussion by Board Members**

a. **Mr. Walters** – Nothing at this time

b. **Mr. Switalski** – Asked Mr. Lipinski for comparable cities that do not offer park entertainment.

c. **Mr. Hogan** – Thanked the guests for attending the meeting and listening to us and vice versa.

d. **Mr. Merucci** – Nothing at this time

**Meeting adjourned – 4:51 p.m.**