



Recreational Authority of Roseville & Eastpointe Board Meeting Minutes

Conference Room - Recreation Authority Center via ZOOM

18185 Sycamore, Roseville, MI 48066

4:00 pm January 13, 2021

Meeting called to order 4:05 p.m.

A. Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes for Regular meeting on December 9, 2020

- i. Motion to approve the December Regular meeting minutes was made by Mr. Switalski, supported by Mr. Frontera. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

C. Approval of Disbursements and Budget Report

a. Disbursement #6

- i. Motion to approve disbursement #6 was made by Mr. Switalski, supported by Mr. Hogan. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

b. Revenue/Expense Report

- i. Motion to approve the revenue/expense report was made by Mr. Hogan, supported by Mr. Switalski. Mr. Merucci questioned Footnote E; Mr. Walters responded that it was a typo, it should be for footnote F. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

D. Hearing of the Public – agenda items only

- a. Ms. Sarah Lucido – Commented on park entertainment usage and believes that it should be allowed in the parks. Also commented on the Board Member renewals.
- b. Mr. Mike Klinefelt – Commented on the Board Member renewals.

E. Communications

- a. Mr. Lipinski shared that based on the current guidelines set forth today (January 13, 2021) we are able to open for more programming beginning Monday, January 18, 2021.

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. Lipinski stated that we had started this prior to becoming an authority, however, it was on an individual basis that the board had to approve. The approved vendors list became a policy in 2013. Majority of rentals do not utilize this feature. The staff has dealt with many incidents and some of the approved vendors are reaching out to a third-party vendor that we do not have insurance for causing a liability issue. The Recreation Authority would like to avoid altercations or liabilities by removing these items. We are gathering information for the possibility of the Recreation Authority having its own form of entertainment to rent out for these types of rentals but most likely would not happen this year. A survey was done where 11 communities responded and 7 of those have a no inflatable policy in place. Mr. Hogan commented that being a park attendant prior he understands the want of banning the entertainment and with the issues presented would support outside rentals of entertainment, however, would approve if the Recreation Authority owned its own equipment as an alternative. Mr. Frontera commented that if there was a way to keep the inflatables it would be ideal, however, agrees with Mr. Lipinski that with the issues at hand we should not offer this type of entertainment. Mr. Walters commented that he agrees with the comments made and likes the idea of the Recreation Authority owning its own equipment. Mr. Walters also commented on the possibility of having security at the Recreation Authority. Mr. Switalski questioned the time frame of getting our own inflatables or is there a possibility of partnering with a single company for this season to keep from completely banning. Mr. Merucci was somewhat surprised and disappointed of the problems had at the park, however, would hate to have to ban having the entertainment if there was an alternate choice. A motion to approve the temporary ban while gathering information on an alternative

policy to review in February is made by Mr. Switalski, supported by Mr. Walters. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

b. Discuss printing of Newsletter

- i. Mr. Lipinski stated that while with part of the ban lifted there are still some programs, we are not able to offer. The newsletter is currently sent out digitally and edited according to the current order.

G. New Business

a. Update on SMART Parking Lot Improvement Project

- i. Mr. Lipinski stated the gate is installed, there was an issue with one of the bollards being too close to some of the mechanisms when the gate was opening and closing. That bollard was removed as it was a secondary bollard and not completely needed. There is some electrical work that needs to be completed but the gate should be finalized by next week. The last project to be finalized is the carport for the vans, there was an issue with ordering the carport but that has now been ordered.

b. Discuss Board Member Walters and Frontera terms for renewal

- i. Mr. Lipinski stated that both members had expressed interest in renewing their terms. Mr. Walters is appointed by City of Roseville Council and Mr. Frontera is the fifth board member that is appointed by the R.A.R.E. Board. There was the discussion on the fifth board member alternating between Eastpointe and Roseville, Mr. Frontera has been on the board since the inception and was nomination and second was made by the Eastpointe R.A.R.E. Board members. Mr. Walters was reappointed by the City of Roseville Council and done at the next council meeting. Mr. Switalski, Mr. Walters, Mr. Hogan and Mr. Merucci believes regardless of residency if there was other interest in the fifth board member seat that a notice should be put out to see if there is other interest for that seat. Mr. Frontera that during his term he has stated that if there was other interest in the fifth seat for the board that he would welcome others to express their interest and let the board decide what would be the best. Mr. Lipinski commented that Mr. Frontera has done a good job with the board and stated that the fifth seat is not a vacant seat, Mr. Frontera will remain on the board until a decision is made for the fifth board member seat. A motion was made to put out notice of the term and collect resumes for the fifth board member to review at the next board meeting was made by Mr. Switalski, supported by Mr. Walters. All approved, none opposed. Motion passed.

H. Hearing of the Public

- a. Ms. Deonda Easley – Thanked the board for the additional information regarding the parks.

I. Discussion by Director

- a. Mr. Lipinski responded to Ms. Easley that characters, clowns, magicians and things of that nature would still be allowed for park rentals. The Senior staff did a Stocking Stuffer delivery this past month and geared this event towards those seniors that cannot or have not been able to get out at all. Adam is looking in to a virtual gaming league to start up. Next week some programs are returning to the building. The fitness room hours are expanding next week as well.

J. Discussion by Board Members

- a. **Mr. Walters** – Nothing at this time
- b. **Mr. Frontera** – Nothing at this time
- c. **Mr. Hogan** – Nothing at this time
- d. **Mr. Switalski** – Nothing at this time
- e. **Mr. Merucci** – Questioned the exercise classes and wearing a mask; Mr. Lipinski responded that masks must be worn.

Meeting adjourned – 4:50 p.m.