

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 @ 2:00pm
Zoom Video Conference

MINUTES

2:00 PM

Call to Order

Mr. St. Charles called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm

Roll Call of the Board

Mark St. Charles, Green Oak Township

Paul Zelenak, City of South Lyon

Patricia Carcone, Lyon Township

Also Present

Amy L. Allen, CPRP, SLARA Director

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Zelenak, seconded by Ms. Carcone

Roll Call Vote:	Ayes:	Ms. Carcone, Mr. Zelenak, Mr. St. Charles
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	None

Approval of July 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the July 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes by Ms. Carcone, seconded by Mr. St. Charles

Roll Call Vote:	Ayes:	Ms. Carcone, Mr. Zelenak, Mr. St. Charles
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	None

Approval of Bills 7/10/20 – 9/4/2020

Motion to approve the bills by Ms. Carcone, seconded by Mr. Zelenak

Roll Call Vote:	Ayes:	Ms. Carcone, Mr. Zelenak, Mr. St. Charles
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	None

Financial Report: AS OF AUGUST 31, 2020

- a. General Fund Cash TOTAL - **\$247,811.57**
 - a. Flagstar Primary Checking Account, 0.7% Interest Rate
\$247,811.57
- b. Capital Improvements Fund Cash TOTAL - **\$575,380.35**
 - a. Flagstar Savings Account, 1.39% Interest Rate
\$217,538.43
 - b. The State Bank, 360 Day CD, 1.90% Interest Rate, Maturity Date 12/10/2020

\$357,841.92

Correspondence

None

Call to the Public

None

I) Old Business

1. SLARA Office Updates

a. Fall Programming Update

Currently a few in person classes are running indoors such as Art Programs but all are following Michigan Executive Orders insuring COVID guidelines are met. SLARA is offering at home kit programs such as Spa Kits, Cookie Decorating and Candy Cane Hunt kits. Outdoor programs such as Lacrosse and Track are experiencing higher than ever numbers. SLARA will be utilizing Action Sports to run the inhouse volleyball league this fall. Soccer is beginning this weekend and should run smoothly. New Return to Play Guidelines have been emailed out to all participants and posted online.

b. Staffing Update

We have been contacted by the schools and told not to expect to be let back in for programming until the state is moved into Phase 5 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan. We don't expect that to happen until Spring. This means that other staff will most likely not be returning until 2021.

II) New Business

1. Fall 2020 Holiday Events

Mrs. Allen went over safety precautions being planned for special events this fall and asked for any questions or concerns that she could address. The board was satisfied with all precautions and supported moving ahead with events as planned.

2. Fall 2020 SLARA Brochure

The SLARA brochure was put together in house this time and sent out in the mail on September 1st. Ms. Carcone mentioned how nice it looked and that it had a lot of great photos in it. Mr. St. Charles also commented on the letter from the Director and thought it was well written. There was a notice in the brochure that explained moving forward the brochure will be online only. We still expect some confusion but feel this is still the best move. The Lyon Today magazine also ran a full page ad announcing this too so hopefully that helps. SLARA has also started a constant contact monthly newsletter that will help keep people updated on programs.

3. Michigan Small Business Restart Grant

Mrs. Allen submitted for a Michigan Small Business Restart Grant from Oakland County a few months ago and was notified that SLARA has been selected to receive a \$5,000 grant.

4. Board Member Comments

Mr. Zelenak said that there are a lot of residents that are expressing concern about voting this year. There is some confusion about how ballots will be counted, duplicate ballots and language. They are expecting a very difficult election process this year. The City has decided to move ahead with the downtown Scarecrows again this year because it can be done safely and people look forward to it each year. The City is also working on a Lyon

Love Campaign that has been very well received. It has even received an award recognizing it as an outstanding program.

Ms. Carcone said that the township has started work on the new building addition and remodel. Trucks are there today moving items around. The building is undergoing a 3 million dollar remodel and the downstairs Sheriffs Department is undergoing a \$800,000 remodel job starting today too. The tax season has finally wrapped up and went well. Ballots for this election were just received the other day by the township. They are expecting a very busy voting season.

Mr. St. Charles said they are receiving lots of communication about elections also. There are creating an entirely new absentee ballot area to try to help with foot traffic in the building. The Township Hall is beginning work on a parking lot expansion that will increase the number of spots from 48 to 78 and also help enhance the ADA compliance too. The fire station improvements have been postponed and was not added to the November ballot. There is a plan for a 255 apartment complex going before the planning commission soon. Lastly the M36 trail is all done and open now.

Adjournment at 2:47 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 @ 2:00pm

Location: TBD

Chair Signature

Secretary Signature

Approval Date