

Minutes of the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority held Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. at Isabella County Commission on Aging, Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, MI

Meeting was called to order by John Zang at 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Allison Chiodini, Stan Shingles, Mark Stansberry, Judy Wagley, John Zang.

Members absent: Lisa Diaz Sytsema, Mike Huenemann

Others present: Stu Isaac

Approval of Agenda

Allison Chiodini made a motion supported by Judy Wagley to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Chiodini, Shingles, Stansberry, Wagley, Zang

Nays: None

Absent: Diaz Sytsema, Huenemann

Motion carried

Public input on agenda items

None

Approval of the meeting minutes from the July 19, 2022 MMARA Board Meeting

Judy Wagley made a motion supported by Mark Stansberry to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

Ayes: Chiodini, Shingles, Stansberry, Wagley, Zang

Nays: None

Absent: Diaz Sytsema, Huenemann

Motion carried

Old Business

ISAAC SPORTS GROUP - FEASIBILITY STUDY & TIMELINE UPDATE

Stu Isaac with Isaac Sport Group presented quickly reviewed the updated project timeline and the action items for the current "Task #2" phase that we are currently in.

Allison Chiodini provided an update from the committee meeting with Architect Tower Pinkster for Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Services for the project. A/E proposal from Tower Pinkster is received and outlines a preliminary scope not to exceed \$4,000 for preparation of preliminary conceptual graphics for Community Engagement, along with a full scope to proceed into the A/E design process deferring payables until after passing of the referendum.

Allison Chiodini made a motion, supported by Judy Wagley, to approve the Preliminary Conceptual graphics proposal from Tower Pinkster for a sum not to exceed \$4,000.

Ayes: Chiodini, Shingles, Stansberry, Wagley, Zang

Nays: None

Absent: Diaz Sytsema, Huenemann
Motion carried

Approval given to John Zang to sign and return the Tower Pinkster Preliminary Conceptual graphics proposal immediately after meeting. Allison Chiodini volunteered to be the point person for communications with the A/E team.

Roll Call / Members Present Update:

Lisa Diaz Sytsema joined meeting virtually at 5:46 p.m.

ISAAC SPORTS GROUP - FEASIBILITY STUDY & TIMELINE UPDATE - continued

Stu Isaac with Isaac Sport Group presented a one-page bullet point Project Overview and Frequently Asked Questions document, which outlined the following topics/questions:

- What is the Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreation Authority?
- What is the Vision for the Aquatic Center?
- What will the Aquatic Center include?
- Where will the Aquatic Center be?
- What will it cost to use?
- What will it cost to build and how are you going to pay for it?
- Can you afford to operate the Aquatic Center?
- When will the Aquatic Center open?
- How can I help?

Stu Isaac to distribute an updated Project Overview and Frequently Asked Questions document after the meeting that incorporates all of the input, comments and revisions through discussion.

Roll Call / Members Present Update:

Judy Wagley left the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

SITE / PROPERTY UPDATE

John Zang provided an update on the proposed site, and his meetings with the City of Mt. Pleasant and Union Township. Letter of Intent (LOI), which is non-binding, has been received from MPPS for site parcel located on/near the Northwest corner of Preston Street and Isabella Road in Union Township. We will commence with Due Diligence of said parcel through working with A/E team and Civil Engineers, before going back to MPPS for full School Board Approval and issuance of Memo of Understanding (MOU) outlining the sale and/or lease of property.

MILLAGE / ELECTION UPDATE

John Zang provided an update from his conversation with Minde Lux, Isabella County Clerk, regarding the convening of a special election in the Spring of 2023 and what that would require from us. Minde was provided a copy of the Recreation Authority Law along with a letter from our Attorney with explanation on our municipality status with respect to special elections. We have received confirmation from Minde Lux that our municipality status and association with Mt. Pleasant Public Schools WILL allow us to hold a May special election (during the normal election timeframe reserved for MPPS School Board Elections), and that if we are the only item on the ballot, we will be responsible for the cost of the election.

FUNDRAISING / CAMPAIGN STRATEGY UPDATE

John Zang provided update on the upcoming Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 2% Grant Fall Application deadline which is due September 30, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Previous Spring application that missed the deadline proposed grant ask of \$60,000. Next MMARA Board meeting in September we will need to review and finalize SCIT 2% Grant application, and submit to Mark Stuhldreher at Union Township for them to submit on our behalf.

New Business

SEPTEMBER 2022 UPDATE REPORTS

John Zang provided update on the scheduling of MMARA Update Presentations to Union Township, City of Mt. Pleasant and Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. Presentations will be:

Union Township Board of Trustees Meeting: Sept 28

City of Mt. Pleasant City Commission Meeting: TBD

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Regular School Board Meeting: TBD

FINANCIAL POLICIES

We received feedback on the draft financial policies via. email from Mark Stuhldreher with Union Township. These comments and suggestions have been forwarded to our accounting consultant and we have started working on revisions. Will review updated financial policies at next MMARA Board Meeting in September.

Announcements on Authority related issues and concerns

None

Next scheduled meeting on Wednesday, Sept 21 at 5:15 p.m. will be conducted in person at Isabella County Commission on Aging, Mt Pleasant, Isabella County, MI.

Adjournment

Motion by Allison Chiodini and supported by Stan Shingles to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Chiodini, Diaz Sytsema, Shingles, Stansberry, Zang

Nays: None

Absent: Huenemann, Wagley

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Allison Chiodini, Secretary