

Minutes of the regular scheduled meeting of the Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority held Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. at Isabella County Commission on Aging, Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, MI

Call to Order

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

Members present: Mark Stansberry, Judy Wagley, John Zang, Lisa Diaz Sytsema

Members absent: Stan Shingles, Allison Chiodini

Approval of Agenda

Mark Stansberry made a motion supported by Lisa Diaz Sytsema to approve the agenda.

Ayes: Diaz Sytsema, Stansberry, Wagley,
Zang

Nays: None

Absent: Shingles, Chiodini

Motion carried

Public input on agenda items

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes from the June 21, 2023 MMARA Board Meeting

Judy Wagley made a motion, supported by Mark Stansberry, to approve the Meeting Minutes from the June 21, 2023 MMARA Board Meeting, with corrections regarding size of "11-acre parcel."

Ayes: Stansberry, Zang, Diaz Sytsema,
Wagley

Nays: None

Absent: Shingles, Chiodini

Motion carried

New Business

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Mark Stansberry made a motion to approve Lisa Sytsema, Allison Chiodini and John Zang with official signing authority of MMARA Isabella Bank account. Seconded by Judy Wagley.

Ayes: Stansberry, Zang, Diaz Sytsema,
Wagley

Nays: None

Absent: Shingles, Chiodini

Motion carried

Old Business

COMMITTEE UPDATE – Facility Committee

John Zang provided an update: John met with Jennifer Verleger from the Mount Pleasant School District to discuss moving from an LOI (Letter of Intent) to a purchase agreement /MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for the property proposed for the aquatic center.

A discussion was held regarding the placement of the building, with agreement that the aquatic center should face Preston Street, with a green space on the west side of the building; Tower-Pinkster will likely make additional recommendations.

John Zang reported that he met with Mark Stuhldreher, who recommended meeting with Union Township regarding sewer lines, water treatment and water infrastructure.

COMMITTEE UPDATE – Communication Committee

Lisa Diaz Sytsema provided an update on the progress of this committee, and its four-phase plan:

Phase 1: Brochure is finalized and will go to print the week of July 24. Website will also be reviewed.

Phase 2: Plans are in place to host events with influential community leaders in September at City Hall in Mount Pleasant and at the Isabella County Commission on Aging.

Phase 3: Plan to hold meeting with local service groups in October and November.

Phase 4: In November, students, seniors, media etc. will be targeted and encouraged to get out and vote.

The Communication Committee's next meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2023.

COMMITTEE UPDATE – Fundraising Committee

Mark Stansberry and Judy Wagley reported that the fundraising campaign is in progress, with \$12,000 raised to date. John Zang reported that he will research if the MMARA is qualified to apply for a Michigan Community Service Grant.

COMMITTEE UPDATE – Finance & Legal Committee

John Zang reported that he will follow up with Stan Shingles regarding ballot language and also a financial advisor.

COMMITTEE UPDATE – Governance

No new updates from this committee.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday August 16, 2023 at 5:15 pm, and will be conducted in person at Isabella County Commission on Aging, Mt Pleasant, Isabella County, MI

Adjournment

Motion by Lisa Diaz Sytsema and supported by Judy Wagley to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes: Stansberry, Diaz Systema, Wagley,

Zang

Nays: None

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Judith Wagley, Secretary

