

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE  
RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY OF  
ROSEVILLE AND EASTPOINTE  
HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Roseville Recreation Center, 18185 Sycamore, by Chairperson Aiuto with the following Board Members present:

Duchane, Klinefelt and Switalski

Administrator present: Anthony Lipinski and Tim Tomlinson

**Discussion and/or Action on Fifth Board Member Appointment:**

Motion by Switalski, seconded by Aiuto, to appoint Frank Maisano as the fifth Board Member.

Yeas: Switalski and Aiuto

Nays: Duchane and Klinefelt

**MOTION FAILED**

Motion by Klinefelt, seconded by Duchane, to appoint Charles Frontera as the fifth Board Member for a three year term.

Yeas: Klinefelt, Duchane, Switalski and Aiuto

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Chairperson Aiuto asked Mr. Tomlinson if a person sitting on the Recreation Commission of Eastpointe or Roseville could sit on the Recreational Authority Board. Mr. Tomlinson said they are separate entities but he wouldn't recommend it.

**Discussion on the Bond Capacity for the Authority:**

Mr. Tomlinson stated that clearly under the Act we can authorize bonds with a limitation to amount to two times the taxable value of the taxable property and the question is whether this is a separate bond that is voted on by the general public or is it from the one mil already voted on so he is going to research this further. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt said it is important to know the answer to this and would like this in a written opinion. Board Member Switalski said he would like a written opinion also. Board Member Duchane said we need to set up some kind of model for billing – billing the cities and then the cities can bill the Authority and would like Mr. Tomlinson to continue to work with Mr. Albright so we have a consolidated opinion. Chairperson Aiuto said that as we move forward we will need to formalize this. Board Member Duchane said this is a pretty important decision because the critical question is how is the Authority to pay it back and how do we market the bonds. Board Member Switalski asked is the full faith and credit based on the respective cities or the Authority. Mr. Tomlinson responded that it won't be the cities, it will be the Authority. Chairperson Aiuto suggested that the Board wait for this opinion and discuss at the next meeting.

**Request Approval to Purchase Ad Space in Eastsider from March – June to Promote Spring/Summer Programs:**

Executive Director Lipinski said that the Recreational Authority is trying to get the word out about the spring/summer programs and the Authority to the residents; prices that we can do quickly are \$1,091 per month to have a full page ad on the inside cover of the paper; looking to do something for March through June for \$4,063 to promote the programs of the Recreational Authority to get registration started and then start budgeting for a new brochure after July 1<sup>st</sup> for the fall/winter. Chairperson Aiuto asked if this is in

lieu of sending out a newsletter. Mr. Lipinski responded that it takes a little bit of time to do the newsletter and we can do this rather quickly; this includes delivery so it eliminates the post office costs; this quote was that we would commit for the next four months and we still want to put together a fall/winter brochure. Board Member Duchane asked if this ad is going to list all the programs. Mr. Lipinski replied that it will list some of the programs, introduce the Recreational Authority Board to the residents and announced the Easter Egg Hunt. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt said she can support this now to get some information to the residents but doesn't know if she can do this after that. Chairperson Aiuto asked if you book these four months, would they keep this quote for future use. Board Member Switalski asked if we are still doing a newsletter. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt responded that Eastpointe would put a notice in the water bill and maybe we can have a closer discussion on this down the road.

Motion by Switalski, seconded by Duchane, to approve the purchase of ad space in the Eastsider from March – June to promote spring/summer programs and the Recreational Authority.

Yeas: Switalski, Duchane, Klinefelt and Aiuto

Nays: None

### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **Hearing of the Public:**

Walt Jakubiec commented on the Recreational Authority having to come to the public if they want additional monies and wants some control over that and asked about debt and the Authority. Chairperson Aiuto responded that the Authority cannot dissolve if there is a debt. Mr. Tomlinson responded the Authority would need to remain as an ongoing entity if there is outstanding debt.

Marlene Campbell asked if we are taking employees from both cities and combining them. Chairperson Aiuto responded that he doesn't know going forward but all the buildings and programs will have to have employees. Ms. Campbell asked if Leona is going to stay in her job. Chairperson Aiuto responded that he can't answer that.

Theresa Peltz asked are we going to have one set of workers at the buildings. Chairperson Aiuto responded that we have the Community Center in Eastpointe and the Recreation Center in Roseville; the Recreation Center in Roseville is going to be the Recreational Authority building; but we have years ahead that we will have movement between the buildings due to construction.

#### **Director Report:**

Executive Director Lipinski thanked the Board for the approval for the publication; not his intent to spend money as quickly as possible; last week we attended the Michigan Recreation Parks Association Conference; thanked Board Member Duchane, Vice Chairperson Klinefelt, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Truman and Bobbie for speaking at the conference; had a person who came in and bothered some parents and kids during open gym programs and called the police and was taken away; on Sunday elementary basketball coach wasn't feeling well and called 911 because he was having a heart attack; commended his employees for their actions; Ms. Carter is going to review room rental rates and gym rates and will bring that to the Board for approval; Eastpointe youth baseball had a meeting and they had already had registration and they seem to want to combine the leagues next summer; Eagle scout had a presentation that he would like to build some benches for the seniors.

Board Member Switalski asked if Mr. Lipinski was hoping to combine the youth baseball this summer. Mr. Lipinski responded that we have our rules and such and he wouldn't adjust to their age groups because they have a three year range compared to our two year range and they weren't willing to do that right away. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt said there are actually a couple of options – is it our program and we do the scheduling of the fields and if it is their programs they can have two different organizations and rent the fields and is it our place to make them into one group. Mr. Lipinski said to make it a better league for everybody, combining these two leagues is the best situation. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt asked do you

have a football group like the Tigercats. Mr. Lipinski replied that they do have a league but they don't play in the same league as the Tigercats. Board Member Switalski asked do we have our own leagues. Mr. Lipinski responded that we run our own leagues in Roseville and Eastpointe doesn't.

**Board Member Reports:**

Board Member Switalski said a resident asked about our millage, we collected it and now it isn't bringing in what it was; next year the millage is going down and wants us to think about the fireworks issue and wanted to know if it is a City issue or Authority issue. Mr. Lipinski replied that in the past he did quite a bit for the fireworks but hasn't been approached for anything regarding the fireworks. Board Member Switalski asked Mr. Lipinski if he looks at it as a Recreational Authority function or City of Roseville function. Chairperson Aiuto responded that there is a committee formed for the fireworks because Roseville doesn't pay for it. Board Member Duchane asked if it was from the Chamber. Mr. Tomlinson responded that the intent was to raise the money for the City of Roseville so they can put on the fireworks and we can no longer have the Recreation Department handle it so it would need to be another department. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt asked does the Authority schedule for the tennis courts, gazebos, etc (everything in both cities) or is there a responsibility for the City to schedule those things. Mr. Lipinski replied that residents are used to coming to the Recreation Department for those things. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt said we need to sit down with parks people about this. Board Member Switalski said it seems like it is easier for one area doing the scheduling. Board Member Duchane said he looks at parks and grounds and activities to be scheduled for the parks through the Authority because we can't have that many people making the decisions. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt asked who gets the money for the use of the gazebo (Authority or City). Mr. Lipinski responded that when there is a pavilion rental or a ballgame we have part-time park attendants and would not want to see the park attendants being scheduled in two different departments. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt said we need to work that out. Chairperson Aiuto said we have a couple of things – scheduling and one central location for that; clearing any gray area of who is getting paid for what and we need to discuss that with the two cities. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt said we don't know that the cities are in agreement with that. Mr. Tomlinson said the Authority can look into a license agreement with each City to put forth what each group is responsible for.

Vice Chairperson Klinefelt responded to Mr. Jakubiec's question on the bond and would be shocked if we get an attorney's opinion that we can go above the one mil without a vote of the people; responded to questions on the organization and employees – no matter what happens we will create an organizational structure and won't be talking about names and employees because whatever we do we can't answer questions to the public about personnel issues before speaking with the employees.

Board Member Duchane said the Board needs to start moving on labor issues and understands that Mr. Tomlinson generally handles it and he may throw Mr. Shifman into the mix.

Chairperson Aiuto suggested that Mr. Cady be at the March meeting and that the Board have the budgets so we can go through them and if you have questions ahead of time contact Mr. Cady.

Motion by Switalski, seconded by Klinefelt, to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Yeas: Switalski, Klinefelt, Duchane and Aiuto

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**