

**MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF THE
RECREATIONAL AUTHORITY OF
ROSEVILLE AND EASTPOINTE
HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. at the Roseville Recreation Center, 18185 Sycamore, by Chairperson Aiuto with the following Board Members present: Duchane, Frontera, and Klinefelt . Switalski (arrived at 5:33 p.m.)

Administrator present: Director Lipinski

Motion by Frontera, seconded by Klinefelt, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated October 11, 2012, as written.

Yeas: Frontera, Klinefelt, Duchane and Aiuto
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion and/or Action on Disbursements:

Motion by Duchane, seconded by Frontera, to approve the disbursements as provided.

Yeas: Duchane, Frontera, Klinefelt, Switalski and Aiuto
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion and/or Action on the Bond Capacity for the Authority:

Board Member Switalski called Harold Haugh's office and still no word from the Attorney General so going to send a letter to the Attorney General asking for an opinion and to move it along because it has been seven months.

Discussion and/or Action 2011/2012 Budget Amendments:

Motion by Duchane, seconded by Switalski, to approve the 2011/2012 budget amendments.

Yeas: Duchane, Switalski, Frontera, Klinefelt and Aiuto
Nays: None

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Update on the Competitive Grant Assistance Program (CGAP) Application, Formerly Known as Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) Grant:

Director Lipinski informed the Board that we received \$342,000 for the building renovations and the second grant for the skate parks we did not receive any funding for; once we get the Attorney General's opinion back we will know where we can go from there. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt commented that the grant is covering design and demolition for this building and asked would we be required to do all of the repairs listed in the grant in order to get all of the money in the award. Mr. Lipinski responded that he will have to call the Treasury Department to get an answer to this. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt commented that she didn't receive a copy of the conditions for receiving the grant. Mr. Lipinski responded that he would double check that and e-mail that information to the Board. Board Member Switalski commented that on page 3 of the October 23rd letter all the detailed things they didn't fund but they did fund

contracting services, architectural and engineering fees, and demolition fees but didn't fund electrical or plumbing, etc. and asked how long we have to spend the grant money. Mr. Lipinski replied that we have three years to spend the grant; explained that he is looking for other funding for the building; informed the Board that he met with Mr. Casin of the County to see if there is any funding through Macomb County; informed the Board that he met with a grant writer that will be looking at other things we might be able to do and trying to see if there are any other possibilities out there. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt asked can we use CDBG money for this. Mr. Lipinski replied that he would need to take a look at that.

Discussion on the Status of the Eastpointe Community Center:

Mr. Lipinski informed the Board that the Eastpointe Community Center was closed on October 1st and subsequent to that there was a break in with nothing stolen but damage that was quite extensive; turned the invoice over to the insurance company and our fee would be \$250; has received calls from various individuals that would like to rent the facility and wanted the Board to be aware of that; would be up to the Board to decide if they would like to lease the facility. Board Member Duchane commented that it probably would be best to do an RFP to see who is interested in leasing the building; have to keep in mind that we need to have capital reserve to upkeep the building; informed that Board that the Council would be acting in Eastpointe to transfer the property to the Authority and suggested that Director Lipinski prepare an RFP for use of the Community Center.

Motion by Duchane, seconded by Switalski, for the Director to prepare a Request for Proposals for Board review for use of the Community Center.

Yeas: Duchane, Switalski, Frontera, Klinefelt and Aiuto
Nays: None

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Hearing of the Public:

John Marion (24320 Grove, Eastpointe) commented that he is looking for what the chain of command is for field repair – is this a Department of Public Works issue in Eastpointe or the Recreational Authority. Mr. Lipinski responded that the parks are owned by the City and any field repairs will be done by the parks division. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt commented that Eastpointe's Parks and Recreation Board has stopped meeting but Roseville's Recreational Board is still meeting. Mr. Marion asked who is going to invoice them for field usage. Mr. Lipinski responded that he is working on a field rental agreement and he has talked to Mr. Truesdale about field rentals. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt commented that even though the City owns the field the Authority schedules the fields.

Walter Jakubiec (18318 Holland, Eastpointe) said he can't hear some of the Board Members and would appreciate it if they spoke louder.

Lori Steiger (21731 Rein) commented that she pushed for the joint authority; passed on the assurances that by voting for this Eastpointe residents would retain their level of van service; disheartened and can't express her feelings; feels personally that we have been ripped off and she has done a huge disservice to innumerable Eastpointe seniors in that they would have van service to attend Senior Center activities; didn't receive any information that there would be any cost above the millage increase; Eastpointe's SMART funds, SMART vehicles and SMART drivers came here and doesn't understand why the level of van transportation would be anything less than it was prior to the physical facility move; now pay a cash fee to board the bus and this wasn't published and seniors were not informed of this; seniors need to know how the fee is going to benefit them; this transportation situation is an abomination right now; honestly am beginning to believe that the way the transportation situation is being handled is an attempt to build a case in the long run that there is no reason for a Senior Center. Director Lipinski replied that they are not building a case for no Senior Center and asked if she has been told that the van service

wouldn't pick her up for an activity. Ms. Steiger replied that she was told that the van service wasn't picking up people for activities at this time. Director Lipinski replied that he would take care of the in-house problems; the cost of the \$1 ride will be explained in another flyer and trying to have van service for all residents of Eastpointe and Roseville. Ms. Steiger commented that this past Monday two women were picked up and were told by the van driver that he was to bring them back home at noon and the activity was from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and he said his schedule said that. Director Lipinski responded that he will look into this; explained that another letter is to go out regarding opportunities for scheduling; he has learned that there is a lot of misinformation out there and trying to clarify everything so everyone will be on the same page. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt commented that she thinks that these two need to have a meeting to discuss this. Ms. Steiger commented that to clarify her comments regarding building a case for lack of need to have a Senior Center – long-term there has been van service to Kroger with ninety minutes in the store and for some reason that Wednesday Kroger trip has been changed to a Monday trip and only forty-five minutes and now less people are taking advantage of that. Director Lipinski asked Ms. Steiger to stay after the meeting so they could discuss this more in depth.

Director Report:

Director Lipinski announced that on October 27th the Mom-to-Mom sale was sold out for vendors and well attended event; October 27th was first trick or trunk trail in the park with forty-five vendors and over three hundred and fifty wrist bands were sold. Vice Chairperson Klinefelt asked why we sold wrist bands and is it a revenue maker. Director Lipinski responded that it is a minor revenue maker. Ms. Wilson explained that the purpose for charging is for the DJ and staffing costs and did the event with the Roseville's Optimist Club and whatever profit we make half goes back into the scholarship fund. Ms. Grant commented that you bought candy accordingly to the three hundred fifty wrist bands. Director Lipinski commented that on November 1st the Senior Open House was held and Ms. Grant did a wonderful job, well attended by seniors, answered any questions and received some feedback; later that evening people went to Huron Park for the rumbling, tumbling pumpkin roll down; announced Big Bird Run this Sunday with 591 pre-registered runners and expect a few hundred to register on Sunday; transfer of ownership for quit claim deeds are being worked on; contacted Tim Tomlinson regarding EEOC complaint that we responded to but hasn't received anything back; Recreational Authority Face book page – took a lot of information off the page and placed recreational activities that were coming up; working on the newsletter for the winter/spring programs; met with Ms. Lelekatch this morning and Mr. Rizzo about a reciprocal agreement and will attend the November 26th East Detroit School Board Meeting and hope to have a draft in the next Board package; Eastpointe tree lighting plans are underway for December 5th at 7:00 p.m. and Roseville's tree lighting is December 6th; the message board on the median has been changed to Recreational Authority of Roseville and Eastpointe and congratulated Vice Chairperson Klinefelt on her election victory.

Board Member Reports:

Board Member Frontera commended Ms. Grant on giving tours at the Open House and congratulated Vice Chairperson Klinefelt on her election victory.

Board Member Switalski congratulated Vice Chairperson Klinefelt on her election to the County Board of Commissioners.

Board Member Duchane commented that he stopped by on November 1st for the Senior Open House; as we move ahead with the transit section of the service and the SMART funds that are combined for the Authority, we need to re-look at a number of things including the vehicles' replacement schedule, the typical operation that used to be done in each community with its SMART transmit services and really take it as a package and move it aside; it is primarily a senior service and it needs to be very closely tied to what the Senior Director in programming does and keep in mind that that is our customer base but beyond that when you look at the SMART funds we need our own preference and identity and would be happy to talk to you about that; heard from the seniors and their concerns and need to model the van

service differently; keep in mind that "We are RARE" and congratulated Vice Chairperson Klinefelt on her election victory.

Board Member Switalski asked that there be a review of the transit system as an agenda item.

Vice Chairperson Klinefelt commented on the changes in SMART; she didn't know that it isn't run out of the senior department; doesn't know what is best but does get confused how some things are an Eastpointe function and some things are a Roseville function and then some things are forced to combine and could you explain the Wal-Mart thing. Director Lipinski explained that he received notification from the Wal-Mart foundation that the Recreational Authority received a five hundred dollar donation.

Vice Chairperson Klinefelt commented that this is the first time she heard of the one dollar thing and asked Director Lipinski to send an e-mail on the rationale for that and asked do we charge for other SMART services. Director Lipinski replied that one system didn't pay and one did pay so we came to a happy medium and charged one dollar.

Chairperson Aiuto had nothing to report.

Motion by Switalski, seconded by Frontera, to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Yeas: Switalski, Frontera, Duchane, Klinefelt and Aiuto
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED

Linda S. Lince, Acting Secretary