

MINUTES OF THE LAKE METROPARKS REGULAR MEETING
(The following is a summary of Board Meeting Minutes. Transcripts available upon request.)

PLACE: CONCORD WOODS

DATE: December 15, 2021

I. Roll Call and Pledge

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with Board members Frank Polivka, President; and Vice Presidents Gretchen Skok DiSanto and John Redmond. Staff included: Paul Palagyi, Executive Director, Vince Urbanski, Deputy Director; Mark Ziccarelli, Legal Counsel; Chris Brassell; Tom Adair, Tom Koritansky; Chris Gutka; Karen Reis; Seth Begeman; Dan Burnett; Lee Homyock; Becky Parkin and Tammy Chiappone.

Mr. Polivka led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to approve the December 15, 2021, Board Meeting Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Minutes

A. Regular Meeting November 17, 2021

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 17, 2021. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Meeting Open to the Public

Chad Felton, The News-Herald

V. Old Business

A. Resolution 2021-027, Presentation of Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request

Mr. Palagyi said that we haven't had any comments or questions from the public and no amendments have been requested. Mr. Palagyi said the budget request reflects a total increase of 4.77 percent over 2021. Mr. Palagyi said this will allow us to continue to maintain clean and safe parks. Visitation over the past year essentially stayed the same as our record-setting numbers during 2020 with more than four

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million visits. Mr. Palagyi said the passage of the budget will allow us to continue to protect and provide public access to Lake County's natural resources.

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to remove Resolution 2021-027, Presentation of Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request from the table. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve Resolution 2021-027, Presentation of Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Finance Report

A. November 2021

Mr. Brassell read the Finance Report for November 2021.

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to approve the Finance Report for November 2021. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

A. Other

1. Resolution 2021-028, Budget Modifications

Mr. Brassell explained Resolution 2021-028, Budget Modifications. Mr. Brassell said the requested modifications are intradivisional transfers and have no effect on the General Fund budget as approved by the board.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve Resolution 2021-028, Budget Modifications. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Resolution 2021-029, Pay Grade Adjustments

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2021-029, Pay Grade Adjustments. Mr. Palagyi said that pay grade ranges were last adjusted on December 21, 2019. Mr. Palagyi said the proposed range adjustment would provide a six percent increase to the wages in the current pay grades.

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to approve Resolution 2021-029, Pay Grade Adjustments. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Resolution 2021-030, Mark Ziccarelli Letter of Intent

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2021-030, Mark Ziccarelli Letter of Intent. Mr. Palagyi said that this request is for Mark Ziccarelli to continue as Legal Counsel commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 at a rate of \$64,000.00 annually.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve Resolution 2021-030, Mark Ziccarelli Letter of Intent. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Resolution 2021-031, Russ Meraglio, Letter of Intent

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2021-031, Russ Meraglio Letter of Intent. Mr. Palagyi said that this request is for Russ Meraglio to continue as Prosecutor/Legal Counsel commencing January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 at a rate of \$36,000.00 annually.

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to approve Resolution 2021-031, Russ Meraglio, Letter of Intent. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Resolution 2021-032, 2022 Fees and Charges

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2021-032, 2022 Fees and Charges. Mr. Palagyi said that no changes are requested for 2022.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve Resolution 2021-032, 2022 Fees and Charges. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Resolution 2021-033, 2022 Board Meeting Schedule

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2021-023, 2022 Board Meeting Schedule. Mr. Palagyi said that dates can be changed if necessary.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve Resolution 2021-023, 2022 Board Meeting Schedule. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Resolution 2021-034, 2022 Revised Tax Rates

Mr. Brassell explained Resolution 2021-034, Revised Tax Rates. Mr. Palagyi said this revision is a result of the passage of the levy voted on November 2, 2021 and amending Resolution 2021-022.

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Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to approve Resolution 2021-034, 2022 Revised Tax Rates. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Resolution 2021-035, 2022 Super Blanket Request

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2021-035, 2022 Super Blanket Request. Mr. Palagyi said this Resolution approves the Super Blanket Purchase Request in the amount of \$1,736,267.00.

Motion by Mr. Redmond to approve Resolution 2021-035, 2022 Super Blanket Request in the amount of \$1,736,267.00. Seconded by Mrs. Skok DiSanto. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Resolution 2021-036, Spirit of America Agreement Renewal

Mr. Palagyi explained Resolution 2021-036, Spirit of America Agreement Renewal. Mr. Palagyi said there are a couple of minor changes including changing the agreement from three to four years and changing the charge from \$100 to \$200 per student.

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to approve Resolution 2021-036, Spirit of America Agreement Renewal. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Skok DiSanto gave a thumbs up to the Spirit of America program.

VIII. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Palagyi said that this is the final weekend for Country Lights and staff have done a great job with the event. Mr. Palagyi said that the trail lights are up at Chapin which has been very popular. Mr. Palagyi said that we have been successful in finding vehicles.

IX. Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to recess to Executive Session at 5:10 pm. for the purpose of land discussion, legal and Executive Director's evaluation. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:15 pm. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Skok DiSanto wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

X. Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Skok DiSanto to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:15 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Redmond. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul B. Palagyi, Executive Director



Frank J. Polivka, President