

FREMONT COMMUNITY RECREATION AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 7, 2016, 6:30-9pm

Fremont Community Rec Center, 201 E. Maple St., Fremont, MI

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OPEN FORUM REGARDING FCRA MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Chairman Todd Blake welcomed Rec Center members to the meeting at 6:30 PM and gave a brief update of FCRA's financial position, estimating the Authority will be at a 10% financial deficit of approximately \$30,000 as of 12/31/2015.

He explained FCRA's need for another revenue source to be sustainable and millage funding has always been the last recourse. He further explained the process for FCRA's request for a ½ mill tax proposal on the next regular election ballot scheduled for the March 8th Presidential Primary Election. Potential outcomes if the proposal should succeed or fail were discussed as well.

Fremont Public School Superintendent Ed Wosinski was present and announced the Board of Education supports FCRA's millage efforts and hopes to see operation of the community pool, gymnasium and community recreation continue under FCRA's direction. He also noted that if the proposal fails and the school has to take over the building, the pool would be closed soon.

There was an approximate attendance of 50 individuals with various questions and comments regarding the Rec Center and the millage proposal, of which there was an overwhelming consensus of support for.

The general membership meeting ended at 7:20.

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:27 PM by Chairman Todd Blake.

FCRA Board Present: Todd Blake, Brian Hettinger, Crystal Calkins, Erik Bengston, Becky Content, Bryan Kolk, Dean Morehouse and Randy Pell. **Absent:** Rhoni Kaastra

Public Present: FCRA Director Tom Elmer, FPS Board Chair Ed Wosinski, FPS Superintendent Ken Haggart and an estimated 50 Rec Center members

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Brian, seconded by Dean to approve the Meeting Agenda; motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: DECEMBER 3RD & 16TH, 2015

Motion by Brian, seconded by Dean to approve the December 3rd & 16th, 2015 meeting minutes as presented; motion approved.

RECEIVE DECEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT & NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTS

Motion by Dean, seconded by Brian to receive the December Treasurer Report; motion approved.

Motion by Dean, seconded by Brian to approve the November & December Accounts Payable lists; motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

FPS Superintendent Ken Haggart gave a brief perspective from the school's point of view and noted they would like to move Quest Alternative Adult Education into the Rec Center, which would alleviate the

school from having to make necessary repairs totaling \$150,000 to the Cedar Street building. The school still plans to repair the Rec Center roof this spring regardless of the outcome of the proposal.

UPDATE ON MILLAGE PROPOSAL CAMPAIGN

Chairman Blake reported FCRA’s proposal for ½ mil operating millage is on the recently printed ballots for the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election and absent voter ballots are already being requested.

He also reported the State of Michigan adopted legislation restricting local government’s participation and discussion on ballot proposal’s within 60 days of an election. The local government associations in Michigan have already identified the new legislation as a violation of the 1st Amendment of the US Constitution “Freedom of Speech” and there will most likely be amending legislation to the new Act.

A “General Public” meeting is still scheduled for Thursday, February 4th at 6:30 PM, where the Board will conduct the meeting in the south-commons again with the regular board meeting to follow.

The millage committee has been very active and is still seeking new members willing to work.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT:

- A. REC CENTER ROOF STATUS** – FPS’ bid-request is complete for a full roof repair on the northern rec center roofs, but has postponed the project till spring.
- B. FCRA INSTRUCTOR STATUS** - Director Elmer reported the new Yoga instructor, Joan Mudget, has begun Yoga classes, but no Zumba yet.
- C. WINTER PROGRAM SIGNUPS STATUS**- Director Elmer reported the Daddy Daughter Dance was a huge success with over 100 couples. He also reported Tamarac has agreed to move their drop-in practice day to help FCRA accommodate women’s church league volleyball, but the league has chosen to postpone their beginning date till after the election.
- D. SPRING PROGRAMS** – Director Elmer reported Fremont Little League has agreed to work with FCRA on coordinating their winter/spring signups.

NEXT MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH @6:30PM

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

TODD M. BLAKE, CHAIRMAN

AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS:

CITY OF FREMONT
TODD BLAKE
BRIAN HETTINGER

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BRYAN KOLK
BECKY CONTENT

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CRYSTAL CALKINS (FPS)
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