

FREMONT COMMUNITY RECREATION AUTHORITY

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 4, 2016, 6:30-9pm

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

COMMUNITY 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 30 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 community open forum meeting ended at 7:10.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Chairman Todd Blake.

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

Public Present: FCRA Director Tom Elmer, FCRA Student Intern Ben Blamer and an estimated 25 community residents.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 7, 2015

Motion by Dean, seconded by Brian to approve the January 7, 2015 meeting minutes as presented; motion approved.

RECEIVE JANUARY TREASURER'S REPORT & JANUARY ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LIST

Motion by Randy, seconded by Brian to receive the January Treasurer Report; motion approved.
Motion by Dean, seconded by Randy to approve the January Accounts Payable lists; motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS) - NONE

RESOLUTION R-16-01: DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN FOR YEAR ENDING 12/31/2015

Chairman Blake reported this resolution was necessary to comply with the State of Michigan’s regulations for local governments having deficit general fund balances at year end. The Plan entails a successful millage proposal outcome on the March 8th Presidential Primary Election.

Motion by Brian, seconded by Randy to approve Resolution R-16-01 establishing a deficit elimination plant for FCRA’s 12/31/15 year end; motion approved.

DISCUSSION OF FCRA MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Chairman Blake acknowledged a letter of support for FCRA and the millage proposal from community resident Thomas Huissen. He also reported request’s for absent voter ballots in the City is at about average with anticipation of approximately 400 to go out before the election.

Dean reported the millage committee has been very active and is still seeking new members willing to work with them on the campaign. They are planning a mailing to 100% of FCRA members and facility/program users that live in both Dayton & Sheridan Townships within the week, with an active phone call process to follow the next week. The Committee has raised approximately \$875 to cover their costs for mailings and ads.

It was agreed to hold FCRA “Open Houses” for the public on the Saturdays of February 20th & March 5th. This would give non-members a chance to visit the Rec Center and see what it has to offer. Director Elmer will coordinate some events to take place on the March 5th open house just before the election.

There was discussion regarding FCRA’s plans following the election and Thursday, March 10th was set for a special meeting to discuss FCRA’s options. It was agreed to stay on track with Fremont Public School’s plans to take possession of the building shortly after the election if the proposal should fail.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT:

A. REC CENTER ROOF STATUS – FPS’ low bid came in around \$75,000, but the project has been postponed till spring to avoid winter and receive a discount for the delay.

B. FCRA INSTRUCTOR STATUS - Director Elmer reported there are seven individuals signed up for new lifeguard instruction, which Erik is coordinating.

C. SPRING PROGRAMS- Director Elmer reported women’s church league volleyball has chosen to postpone their beginning date till after the election. He also reported Fremont Little League has decided to wait till next year to work with FCRA on coordinating their winter/spring signups, because of the uncertainty of the election proposal.

NEXT MEETING DATES: **REGULAR - THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD @7:00PM**
 SPECIAL – THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH @7:00PM

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

TODD M. BLAKE, CHAIRMAN (ACTING SECRETARY)

AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS:

<u>CITY OF FREMONT</u>	<u>SHERIDAN CH TWP</u>	<u>DAYTON TWP</u>	<u>COMMUNITY REPS (3)</u>	
TODD BLAKE	BRYAN KOLK	RANDY PELL	CRYSTAL CALKINS (FPS)	ERIK BENGSTON
BRIAN HETTINGER	BECKY CONTENT	RHONI KAASTRA	DEAN MOREHOUSE	