

FREMONT COMMUNITY RECREATION AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 10, 2016, 6:45pm

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

The Special meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Chairman Todd Blake. He announced the ballot proposal for FCRA's ability to levy a ½ mill for ten years was successful and it will be on the City's 2016 July summer tax bill.

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

Public Present: FCRA Director Tom Elmer, FCRA Student Intern Ben Blamer, FCRA employee Tina Dunbar, Mark Tarquini and Erik Hager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)

Mark Tarquini asked is FCRA plans to amend their 2016 budget with passage of the millage and questioned some line item amounts on the budget. Chairman Blake noted the 2016 Budget was approved assuming passage of the millage and noted some of the estimated amounts regarding new services would change to accommodate actual services costs.

Mr. Tarquini also asked if FCRA was going to establish "in-area" and "out-of-area" rates for membership, programs and rentals. Director Elmer reported FCRA already has rate differentials for programs and rentals and noted the Board has already had discussions regarding implementation of an "out-of-area" membership rate.

Director Elmer also reminded the Board of FCRA's promise to "in-area" residents of their first month's membership being free each year.

Eric Hager asked if there was going to be a spring youth soccer program and what the levels will be. Director Elmer noted soccer signups have already started and we are planning for U-6, 8 & 10 divisions.

Mr. Hager also noted management and promotion of adult programs like Yoga needed to improve.

FCRA MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Dean reported the millage committee met earlier today to coordinate use of the remaining donated funds for "thankyou" ads to be placed in Hi-Lites and Times Indicator. The Committee will send a thankyou emails out to all the individuals that gave support throughout the campaign and Chairman Blake will send personal letters of thanks to the various boards and organizations that supported FCRA throughout the campaign.

Chairman Blake noted he has already scheduled a meeting with FPS Superintendent Ken Haggart to discuss transition of the property from FPS to FCRA and securement of the planned roof repairs this spring. Hopefully a tentative agreement will ready for the 4/7 regular meeting.

Rhoni asked if the Board would be functioning differently with passage of the millage and Chairman Blake noted FCRA Bylaws are already established specifying board makeup and that if there was a desire to amend the bylaws, it would take approval from not only the Board, but from all the participating jurisdictions as well.

Bryan expressed his concern for future discussions with FPS regarding the possibility of transferring Quest Alternative High School operations to the Rec Center’s northeast math/science wing. He noted it is not recreation and may cause friction of concern with The Gateway, Northpointe or any other users or future lessors of our facility.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT ON SPRING PROGRAMS

Director Elmer reported spring soccer program signups have already begun as well as other adult programs. He also noted new soccer equipment would be purchased before the season begins in April.

Chairman Blake reminded the Board that election of officers would be on the next agenda as well and that he will no longer be performing secretary functions after today’s meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH @7:00PM

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:20 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	