

Minutes

The City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority Board of Directors

May 7, 2014

A regular meeting of the Recreational Authority Board of Directors was called to order in the Second Floor Large Meeting Room, Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m.

The following Directors were present, constituting a quorum: Ross Biederman, Chair; Michael Groleau, Secretary; Tim Hughes, Treasurer; Molly Agostinelli; Chris Bzdok; Jeanine Easterday; and Matt McDonough.

The following Directors were absent: None.

Chair Biederman presided at the meeting.

1.

The first item being “Consideration of approving the minutes of the special meeting of April 9, 2014,” Chair Biederman introduced this matter. The following individual addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director

Moved by Agostinelli, seconded by Hughes, that the minutes of the special meeting of April 9, 2014, be approved.

CARRIED.

2.

The next item being “Consideration of construction plans for Historic Barns Park,” Chair Biederman introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director

Ray Kendra, Environment Architects

Moved by Bzdok, seconded by Groleau, that the Chair and Secretary be authorized to execute a contract with Eckler Building Solutions, LLC, at the not-to-exceed amount of \$827,000 for Phase 1 Renovations to Barn 204 at Historic Barns Park, subject to approval as to substance by the Executive Director and to form by General Counsel.

CARRIED.

3.

The next item being “Consideration of LIAA contract renewal for executive management services,” Chair Biederman introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director
Joe VanderMeulen, LIAA

Moved by Groleau, seconded by Agostinelli, that the Board waive the competitive bidding requirement and authorize the Chair and Secretary to execute the Third Amendment to the Executive Management Services Agreement with the Land Information Access Association, for it to provide such services to the Authority at a rate of \$45-\$55 per hour through June 30, 2017, with funds available in the Operating Fund, Professional Services Line Item, such agreement subject to approval as to its form and substance by General Counsel.

CARRIED.

4.

The next item being “Consideration of Grand Traverse Conservation District contract renewal for Hickory Meadows,” Chair Biederman introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director

Wendy Warren, GTCD
Tom Vitale, GTCD

No action was taken.

5.

The next item being “Presentation from UnCommon Management regarding Event Facility Management Services proposal for Historic Barns Park,” Chair Biederman introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director
Tom Mair, UnCommon Management

No action was taken.

6.

The next item being “Consideration of scheduling a public hearing for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 budget amendments,” Chair Biederman introduced this matter. The following individual addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director

Moved by Groleau, seconded by Easterday, that a public hearing regarding budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 be scheduled for June 4, 2014.

CARRIED.

7.

The next item being “Consideration of scheduling a public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2014-15 budgets for the Operating Fund, Construction Bond Fund, and Debt Retirement Fund,” Chair Biederman introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director

Moved by Bzdok, seconded by Easterday, that the proposed 2014/2015 Budget for the City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority be submitted as amended to the Traverse City City Commission and Garfield Township Board for their approval; and that a public hearing on the budget be scheduled for June 4, 2014.

CARRIED.

8.

The next item being “Consideration of Community Garden request for additional fenced area,” Chair Biederman introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director
Michael Haynes, TC Community Garden
Karen Schmidt, BGHBP

Moved by Agostinelli, seconded by McDonough, that the requested expansion area for additional plots in the Community Garden be approved.

CARRIED.

9.

The next item being “Reports,” Chair Biederman introduced this matter. The following individuals addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director
Sarna Salzman, SEEDS
Karen Schmidt, BGHBP

No action was taken.

10.

The next item being “Report regarding payment of expenditures,” Chair Biederman introduced this matter. The following individual addressed the Board:

Matt Cowall, Executive Director

No action was taken.

11.

The next item being “Public Comment,” Chair Biederman introduced this matter. The following individual addressed the Board:

Sarna Salzman, SEEDS

There being no objection, Chair Biederman declared the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Matt Cowall, Executive Director