

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioner
Special Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2019
(UNAPPROVED)

Meeting called to order by Chair Fisher at 5:31 PM, Conference Room, Kaliseum Recreation Complex, 1900 Fairgrounds Rd, Kalkaska, MI. Present Commissioners Dave Comai (arrived at 5:35 PM), Patty Cox, Craig Crambell, Kohn Fisher, Leigh Ngirarsaol, James Sweet, John West and County Clerk Deborah Hill. Pledge of Allegiance by all. Invocation by Commissioner Cox.

Public Input:

Mary Janik: Janik noted disappointment with Kaliseum Millage not passing.

Chuck Garrison: Garrison inquired of cost of repairs for roof over pool area; noted the need for Kaliseum to have sign outside for advertisement.

Tom Backers: Backers noted Kaliseum history and poor management in the past.

Aaron Popa: Popa noted the need for Board to appoint Kaliseum committee; need for a focus group to market and educate community needs.

Jack Tanner: Tanner noted need for options other than ice rink/pool; expressed thanks to the Board of Commissioners for their efforts.

John O'Shay: O'Shay noted need to run Kaliseum more as business.

Ann Kirtley: Kirtley noted need for the next generation to keep the Kaliseum; noted Kalkaska County growth and valuable resources provided by the Kaliseum.

Carol Backers: Backers voiced concern with paying for Village of Kalkaska needs.

Ron Strong: Strong noted the minimum amount of taxes paid to have Kaliseum.

Brian O'Donnell: O'Donnell noted the need to move forward. Noted the need for Kaliseum Board and direction of Community needs to be evaluated.

Mike Tanner: Tanner expressed his appreciation to Board of Commissioners; noted difficulty in marketing when facility is not completely functional.

Stacy Hicks: Hicks addressed Board noting her use of the facility for years; concern without it will be detrimental to the community.

Purpose of Meeting: Chair Fisher call for Board review and discussion of Kaliseum option/issues; and review and/or approve Kaliseum Millage Language.

Discussion regarding Kaliseum options: Ice, pool, Kaliseum events, open space usage. Comai noted Kaliseum will not pay for its self with pool/ice. Discussion regarding lack of time to evaluate numbers for new millage ballot language; recent SEV figures that were previously not available; review of energy lighting options; confusion with DDA on language in millage proposal. Chair Fisher advised he communicated with council regarding DDA language removal options. Fisher polled Board; unanimous poll to not place on the August; to review and seek the option of the November election. Chair Fisher noted more special meetings will be needed.

Public Input:

Jack Tanner: Tanner noted need for a Kaliseum Committee to work with Board; many options to change voters to vote "Yes".

Brian O'Donnell: O'Donnell offered to help in any way.

John O'Shay: O'Shay noted problems with marketing.

Deb Ball-Odeh: Ball-Odeh noted negativity issues with Social Media/flyers delivered to mailboxes; noted need for professional marketing.

Motion: by Comai to adjourn at 7:37 PM. Supported by Crambell. 7 yeas. 0 nays. **Carried**

Respectfully Submitted:

Deborah Hill, Kalkaska County Clerk and
Clerk of Board of Commissioners

Kohn Fisher, Chair of
Kalkaska County Board Commissioners

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