

Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2019
(UNAPPROVED)

Meeting called to order by Chair Fisher at 5:30 PM, Commissioner Chambers, Administration Building, 605 N Birch Street, Kalkaska, MI. 49646. Present Commissioners Dave Comai, Patty Cox, Craig Crambell, Kohn Fisher, Leigh Ngirarsaol (Arrived at 5:35), James Sweet, John West and County Clerk Deborah Hill. Pledge of Allegiance by all. Invocation by Commissioner Cox.

Public Input:

Alan James: James addressed Board regarding his concerns with Kaliseum Millage proposal language, if Kaliseum repairs are needed and concerns with communications.

Purpose of Meeting: To review, discuss and/or approve Kaliseum Project and issues.

Chair Fisher called for discussion regarding amount of people to have on Steering Committee for Kaliseum, noted people of interest and how to go about forming Steering Committee. Board noted importance of the public to be involved. Discussion regarding representatives from various entities including EDC, Public Schools, KMHC, COA, Parks and Recreation, Pool, KAHA & residents from the Community. Clerk to send out letters. Kaliseum director would not be on Board, but involved. (Cox left at 6:40 PM). Crambell noted minimal turnout for the past millage. Chair Fisher noted a Steering Committee would continue after current BOC is gone, such as other county entities, and should have been in place since it was built.. They would continue to provide to BOC what oversight is needed. Ngirarsaol noted importance of having representative from EDC. Comai noted the need for new Ideas regarding Kaliseum and consideration of pool in a separate building. Board noted intentions for continued use of Kaliseum regardless of repair areas; noted Steering Committee would review and make recommendations to the Board; noted no intentions at this time to exercise the proposed million dollar bond. Clerk to send letters to proposed groups for committee involvement.

Motion by Ngirarsaol to amend member oversight of Kaliseum Steering Committee from 7 members to 9 members, to include one person from EDC, Kalkaska schools, KMHC, COA, Parks and Recreation Chair, Pool group, KAHA group and two people from the public. Supported by Crambell. Roll call vote: Ngirarsaol, yes; Crambell, yes; Comai, yes; Cox, absent; Sweet, yes; West, yes; Fisher, yes. 6 yeas. 0 Nays. 1 Absent. **Carried.** (Clerk to send letters.)

Discussion regarding engineer inspections of building and mechanicals, maintenance of the Kaliseum; public perception and misinformation; Discussion of options for present and future for the Kaliseum. Chair Fisher noted the Steering Committee will not be held for the financials of the Kaliseum, BOC will take what they bring back to the Board very serious.

Chair called for recess at 7:16 PM. Meeting reconvened at 7:26 PM.

Chair Fisher requested Clerk Hill to speak of modification options of the Millage Language, regarding the energy savings for all facilities, potential bond funding and DDA language. Discussion regarding quotes for energy savings and review of previous quotes; review of Millage language and election concerns.

Motion by Crambell to send a BOC representative to the Downtown Development Authority with a letter requesting to remove the language on the ballot that captures millage funds for the DDA. Supported by Sweet. (Clerk will prepare the letter) Roll call vote: Crambell, yes; Sweet, yes; Comai, yes; Cox, absent; Sweet, yes; West, yes; Fisher, yes. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent.

Carried.

Discussion. Comai noted need for Steering Committee to involve Townships. Crambell noted need to forward Steering Committee meeting minutes to Townships to keep them up to date so they can voice concerns and to post meetings. Discussion regarding utility cost when Kaliseum pool was in use and amount without Pool use; review of maintenance costs since 2006.

Public Input: None

Motion: by Comai to adjourn at 8:26 PM. Supported by Crambell. 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent.

Carried.

Respectfully submitted:

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

Kohn Fisher, Chair of
Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

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