

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF A WORKSHOP
AUGUST 30, 2022**

A special workshop of the Lapeer City Commission was held August 30, 2022, at Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Marquardt.
Commissioners: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.
Absent: None.
City Manager: Dale Kerbyson, present.
Directors Present: Romona Sanchez, Kelly Hanna.

Mayor Marquardt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MARIHUANA FUNDS

City Manager Kerbyson began by stating the pump track came in first in the Facebook Survey results.

The commission discussed the results of the Facebook Survey results, including the top three (3) vote getters in the survey; pump track, downtown outdoor splashpad, and a disc golf course; the availability of additional funding for each option for viability of maintaining the project. Additionally, there were other projects mentioned to spend the marihuana funds on, i.e., fire suppression assistance in the downtown, coloring books, making the current splash pad free to all residents, additional lighting for the skating rink, using the funds for the skate rink.

It was the consensus of the Commission to investigate the cost of the top three suggestions of the Facebook Survey.

CENTER BUILDING

At a prior Lapeer City Commission meeting, Center Building interim president, requested the city repair the parking lot. Upon further investigation into the matter, it was discovered that the Center Building's lease with the City of Lapeer has expired. A discussion ensued about the Center Building looking for grant funding to do repairs on the building and the parking lot themselves; who is responsible for the repairs of the parking lot; ability to spend city tax money on this building and/or parking lot; and that the non-profit organization operating at the Center Building is responsible for maintenance and repairs of the building.

It was the consensus of the Commission to reach out to the Center Building and determine if they wish to enter into a new lease with the City of Lapeer. Once that has been determined, the City can negotiate the terms of the new lease with them.

YOUTH COUNCIL

The Commission discussed the opportunity of moving forward with the Government for Tomorrow program and the Youth Council. The Government for Tomorrow would be responsible for recruiting members and contacting the school district and running the program themselves. Discussion regarding the Youth Council and the possibility of needing changes to the current ordinance; need for more direction on what the Commission wants from the Youth Council, its members, and the Commissioner liaison.

It was the consensus of the Commission to continue both programs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

It was the consensus of the Commission to close the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

The special meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

Romona Sanchez, City Clerk