

MACOMB COUNTY ZOO AUTHORITY  
MINUTES

At a meeting of the Macomb County Zoo Authority held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. via teleconference were present:

Diane Banks  
Tom Kalkofen  
Marilyn Lane  
Jim Sawyer

Others Present:

Ron Kagan, Executive Director/CEO- Detroit Zoological Society  
Victoria Marchione, Executive Secretary, Office of the County Executive

There being quorum of the Authority present the meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Marilyn Lane, supported by Diane Banks. No additions or corrections.

Roll Call Vote - **Ayes:** Lane, Banks, Kalkofen, Sawyer; **Nays** - 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 18, 2019

Motion by Diane Banks, supported by Marilyn Lane.

Roll Call Vote - **Ayes:** Lane, Banks, Kalkofen, Sawyer; **Nays** - 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Open to the public 9:40 am - no members of the public present; closed at 9:40 am

Presentation by the Detroit Zoological Society

Ron Kagan gave a brief presentation. Things have not changed much due to COVID. The zoo is open to limited capacity, and is reaching that limit. Hopefully the summer will have things back to normal attendance. Wild Lights at the zoo is booked each night. This revenue helps maintain the care of the animals. Great Lakes Nature Center location is not official and is an ongoing process.

Plante & Moran Engagement Letter

Jim will sign the document and it will be forwarded to Plante & Moran. Since these letters are pretty standard each year with minimal change, it was suggested that any changes are

highlighted. That suggestion will move forward to Dan Hart. Motion to approve subject to review by Corporation Counsel made by Marilyn Lane, supported by Tom Kalkofen.

Roll Call Vote - **Ayes:** Lane, Banks, Kalkofen, Sawyer; **Nays** - 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

#### NEW MEMBER DISCUSSION

The Authority is looking to fill the vacancy left by Grace Shore. Suggestion was made that a good candidate would be another Chamber member. Stacy Ziarko was mentioned as a possible candidate. Marilyn will present this suggestion to Mark Hackel. Any other suggestions please forward to Jim Sawyer.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2021 at 9:30 am.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:51 am was made by Marilyn Lane, supported by Tom Kalkofen.

Roll Call Vote – **Ayes:** Lane, Banks, Kalkofen, Sawyer; **Nays** - 0

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Next meeting scheduled for March 9, 2021 at 9:30 am**