

Royal Oak Civic Foundation Board of Trustees
APPROVED minutes of meeting on 6/9/21

Legacy groups definition: City functions supported in the past by the ROOTS fund: Animal shelter, library, nature society, parks & recreation, seniors, commission for the arts, historical commission (Starr House), public safety.

Opening

1. Welcome

Chairman McGannon called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m. and called the roll

2 Attendance

Trustees present: Sharlan Douglas, Thomas McGannon (by phone), Peter Provenzano

Also present: Executive Director Julie Lyons-Bricker; Robert Muller, Royal Oak Nature Society.

3. Public comment

There was no public comment.

4. Approve past minutes

Motion to approve the May minutes by Provenzano, seconded by Douglas; approved unanimously

5. Financials

As submitted.

6. Approve agenda

Agenda was modified to make item 14 a discussion of funding priorities. Motion to approve by Douglas, seconded by Provenzano; approved unanimously.

7. Motion by Douglas, seconded by Provenzo and approved unanimously to pay the following:

Pass-thru: \$ 2,874.17 from Custom Ink to the Royal Oak Animal Shelter

(proceeds from t-shirt fundraiser)

- Pass-thru: \$ 550.00 from Scott Weinstein to Blessings in a Backpack (Fight

Hunger Campaign- corp. match)

- Pass-thru: \$30,000.00 from Beaumont Health to the senior center (for senior transport)

- Pass-thru: \$ 500.00 from Thomas and Marceline Mudie to the Royal Oak Animal Shelter

- Pass thru: \$ 50.00 from Royal Oak Women's Club to City of Royal Oak Memorial Day Parade fund

Topics and presentations

8. Director's report: As filed.

9. City attorney's report – Nothing new

10. Big picture visioning with Bob Muller, Royal Oak Nature Society. Invasive plant control is a seemingly endless challenge, requiring chemical treatment. Society's fundraisers have sustained it through the years. Need hard surface trails in the arboretum (>\$110,000), which would create an area for presentations accessible to disabled people. They continue to add plant materials in the arboretum at

about \$500 per year. Goal: One tree of every species natural to Michigan. They haven't tried to raise more money because they'd rather work in the earth. With supporting materials and promotion from the society, the foundation might initiate a matching campaign.

Unfinished business

11. First five years goals timeline. Trustees added text saying that, with the results of the city coordination, the foundation will determine how it will give money and according to what priorities. This document remains a flexible guide.

12. Board recruitment – Motion by Provenzano and seconded by McGannon to appoint Darian Neubecker and Amanda Sears to the foundation board, subject to approval by the Member (Royal Oak City Commission); approved unanimously. Lyons-Bricker will invite them to subsequent meetings pending their official approval.

New Business

13. Holiday annual giving campaign – Deferred to next meeting.

14. Funding priorities: There was informal consensus that we should annually conduct a campaign to address human needs (vs. wants); for example fighting hunger. Motion by Douglas seconded by Provenzano directing Lyons Bricker to explore hunger-fighting agencies and bring back recommendations. Approved unanimously.

15. Next meeting agenda

Board will meet July 14 but not in August

Continue big picture visioning with city agencies

Unfinished business: Review of food insecurity charities and holiday giving

Welcome trustee candidates

Motion to adjourn by Douglas, seconded by Provenano; approved unanimously.