

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 2/17/15

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: John Hemingway, Jim Bloom, & Pat Sowers
Attorney; Joe O'Donnell
Staff Present: Ray Peterson
Media and others: 3

6:15 – President Hemingway declared the meeting open.

2. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Bloom moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed (3 ayes – 0 nays).

3. Consideration of and action on the minutes, bills and transfers, and monthly financial statements –.
Commissioner Bloom moved to approve the minutes of the January Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners regular meeting. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed (3 ayes – 0 nays).

Treasurer Bloom stated that the Finance Committee recommended approval of the January financial statements and February bills. The January financial statements and February bills were approved on roll call vote (3 ayes – 0 nays).

4. Public Comment – none

5. President's report – President Hemingway reported on the IAPD/IPRA State Conference held in January. He stated that this was an excellent conference this year and there were several sessions directly applicable to the district such as zoning issues regarding park construction, director evaluation processes and referendum procedures.

Hemingway informed the commissioners that the City of Macomb has decided to not put a question concerning the pool on the 2015 election and the meetings with organizations and agencies exploring options for a possible recreation / aquatic center are continuing. He explained further that the city in conjunction with the YMCA are exploring the possibility of expanding the potential partners on the recreation / aquatic center to other organizations in addition to the McDonough District Hospital, Macomb Park District and the Macomb School District. President Hemingway reminded Commissioners that the March meeting has been rescheduled from the 17th to the 24th due to the WIU spring break.

6. Director's report – Peterson explained that Budget and Appropriation Ordinance, operating budget and 2015 project preparation have been the principle areas of focus for him and Chris Frankhauser this past month. Several projects such as the batting cages and pool will be very early undertakings so the preparatory work is being done now so as to take advantage of the earliest good weather.

Peterson reported that the annual Daddy / Daughter dance had its highest attendance since its inception several years ago. In the past two years the number of participants has increased from 20 to 80 attributable to the improved marketing system. The problems with ice skating are continuing during the regular freeze thaw process.

Unfortunately the un-skateable ice requires attention to maintain it so that when it again freezes the surface is useable.

The locations of the batting cage to be constructed at Veterans have been flagged and the materials needed for the construction identified so as to be able to start as soon as the weather permits. Nearly all of the recommendations from the IPARKS risk inspection have been corrected or implemented. The final item to be done will be delayed until warmer weather permits.

7. Committee reports – Finance Committee – Treasurer Bloom reported this has been a very busy time for the district regarding the new budget and associated processes. There will be some fiscal challenges resulting from dealing with carryover employee expenses resulting from discontinuing the Spring Lake management.

8. Presentation and possible action on the 2015 operating budget - Treasurer Bloom stated that the Finance Committee recommended approval of the 2015 operating budget. The 2015 operating budget was approved on roll call vote (3 ayes -0 nays).

9. Presentation of the 2015 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance #312 - Treasurer Bloom explained the general facts of the Ordinance and explained that it will be on file for public review for at least 30 days then subject for approval at the March meeting.

10. Presentation and possible action on Surplus Personal Property resolution 15-1 - Peterson explained that much of the equipment included in this resolution are a result of incorporating the former Spring Lake equipment resulting in phase out of aged equipment. These items will be combined with other previously approved equipment and sold at auction this spring. Commissioner Bloom moved to approve Resolution 15-1. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed on roll call vote (3 ayes - 0 nays).

11. Presentation and possible action on Investment Resolution 15-2 - Peterson explained that this is preferably an annual action naming those people authorized to act on behalf of the district regarding investments. Due to no change in the Officers the resolution was not acted upon last year however it preferably is done annually. Commissioner Bloom moved to approve Resolution 15-2. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed on roll call vote (3 ayes - 0 nays).

12. Consideration and action regarding the retention of firms of First Midstate Inc.as underwriter and Law Firm of Chapman and Cutler as counsel for upcoming debt certificates - Treasurer Bloom explained the Finance Committee has been investigating available options to continue the districts development projects. Hemingway stated that this action will enable the district to further this process. Commissioner Bloom moved to approve the retention of First Midstate and Chapman and Cutler as proposed. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed on roll call vote (3ayes - 0 nays).

13. Closed Session - 5ILCS 120/(2)(5) - possible purchase of property - Motion from Commissioner Bloom, second by Commissioner Sowers to enter closed session. Motion passed (3 ayes -0 nays). The board entered closed session 6:42

Motion from Commissioner Bloom, second by Commissioner Sowers to resume open session. Motion passed (3 ayes - 0 nays). Resumed open session 6:55

14. Consideration and possible action regarding acceptance or modification to purchase proposal of real estate. - Commissioner Bloom moved to authorize Attorney O'Donnell to notify the seller that the district is not assuring

the validity of the purchase offer after March 2nd. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed on roll call vote (3 ayes - 0 nays).

15. Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items - requested the closed session minutes be available for review by the May meeting.

6:57 - Meeting adjourned on motion from Bloom, second by Sowers.

Respectfully Submitted

Ray Peterson