

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 4/19/16

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: John Hemingway, Jim Bloom, Pat Sowers, Valencia Pettigrew & Steve Horrell  
Attorney Joe O'Donnell  
Staff Present: Ray Peterson, Rachel Lenz  
Media and others: 3

6:15 – President Hemingway declared the meeting open.

**2. Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Bloom moved for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed (5 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 as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Horrell. The motion passed (5 ayes - 0 nays). On behalf of the Finance Committee Treasurer Bloom recommended approval of the action on the March financial statements and April bills and transfers. President Hemingway called for action on the recommendation. The March financial statements and April bills were approved on roll call vote (5 ayes - 0 nays).

**4. Public Comment** – None

**5. President's report** - Hemingway stated that there had been a meeting of the Community First group regarding possible agency programming needs. Superintendent Rachel Lenz represented the Macomb Park District. Hemingway asked Superintendent Lenz to summarize the meeting. Lenz reported that the meeting was a conference call in which each agency reviewed the types of current programs and potential new programs and how those may utilize a facility. As this was providing the design firm with information no conclusions or recommendations were proposed at this juncture.

**6. Director's report** – Peterson informed the board that Ball Fore is fully open and underway for the season, as well as all the other parks. The unseasonably good weather is drawing larger than typical usage of all facilities. Peterson reported that the City of Macomb has awarded a contract to replace the water main that runs through Glenwood Park. The district has not been informed of an anticipated construction schedule at this point. The bids of the Glenwood Pool repair are due and will be opened at the Park District office at 3:00 pm on May 5. As per the intergovernmental agreement the district is committed up to \$37,500 for these expenses. The Macomb Park District computer support firm has performed an update of all the Wi-Fi locations with the parks.

**7. Committee reports** – Treasurer Bloom reported that within the General Account there has been some money borrowed between funds to cover expenses until the property tax distributions. He stated that this process may be necessary in May however the loaned money may come from the Consolidated Account. All loans will be repaid from the future tax receipts.

**8. Report regarding "Human Foosball" event - Lenz** - Superintendent Lenz present information regarding the Macomb Park District's first ever Human Foosball" tournament to be held at Veterans Park Saturday May 7. The court has been constructed and the first test games have been played. Lenz also informed the commissioners regarding other event and program activities that will occurring in the next few weeks.

**10. Consideration and possible action regarding Resolution 16-1, conduct regulation** - President Hemingway summarized Resolution 16-1. He indicated that he had created the resolution in response to a developing problem from the use of golf carts and ATVs on park properties, most notably on the trails at the Lakeview Nature Area. The resolution prohibits the unauthorized use of motorized vehicles on park property except in those areas specifically provide for vehicles. In addition the resolution calls for the creation of an ordinance addressing the same issue. Commissioner Bloom suggested the resolution being expanded to include bicycles. Following discussion the board concluded issues pertaining to bicycles may be better addressed with separate specific legislation. Attorney O'Donnell suggested some terminology modification for consistency. Commissioner Bloom moved for approval of Resolution 16-1 with editorial changes. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed on roll call vote (5 ayes - 0 nays).

**10. Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items** - None.

6:50 Meeting adjourned on motion from Sowers, second by Pettigrew.

Respectfully submitted

Ray Peterson, Secretary  
Macomb Park District