

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 8/15/17

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: John Hemingway, Valencia Pettigrew, Russ Hamm, & Philip Weiss
Attorney Joe O'Donnell
Staff Present: Rachel Lenz
Media and others: 1

6:04 – President Hemingway declared the meeting open.

2. **Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Hamm moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).

3. **Consideration of and action on the minutes, bills and transfers, and monthly financial statements** – Commissioner Hamm moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Weiss. The motion passed (4 ayes - 0 nays). Treasurer Hamm reported that the funds are running equal to what was expected year to date. Commissioner Hamm recommended approval of the July financial statements as well as the August bills and transfers. The motion was approved on roll call vote (4 ayes - 0 nays).

4. **Public Comment** – None

5. **President's report** – President Hemingway distributed Commissioner Conduct to the board as it had not yet been distributed to the newest members of the board. Hemingway also recommended the new board members consider attending the upcoming IAPD Boot Camp as an introduction to the Park Code and board ethics. Commissioner Hemingway ended by inviting the Commissioners to attend the Flatland Summer Jam in support of the staff and the work they are doing.

6. **Director's report** – Director Lenz told the board about the upcoming events for the Month of August including the upcoming Flatland Summer Jam, the next Movie in the Park – Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, the Macomb Kite Festival, Bluesfest Fundraiser at HyVee, Lincoln School's Family Fun Night, as well as the Big Brothers Big Sisters' Back to School Event. Lenz also talked about the outreach that would be happening through the Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration classes with "Swag Bags." Director Lenz announced the pool has officially closed and the staff are working to remove Park District materials from the facility before the city officially took over management on September 1. Finally, Director Lenz announced Taylor Hanneman had stepped in as the Interim Superintendent of Events.

7. **Committee reports** – N/A

8. **Discussion on Long Range Planning and Visioning** – President Hemingway informed the board that Director Lenz and himself have had several discussions about changes she would like to see throughout the parks over the next several years. Commissioners were given a copy of the newly discovered Master Plan done in conjunction with McClure Engineering several years prior. It's content displayed the steps that had been taken over the last ten plus years. President Hemingway asked the board to look at the document and see if it is still in line with where they envision the district to be five years down the road. Hemingway asked the commissioners to go sit at the parks, look around the space, and think of the things they would like to see exist in our parks. Hemingway asked the board members to write written summaries of the visions they imagined by the October Board meeting. Hemingway proceeded to go through the estimated timeline for the visioning process, ending in approximately February or

March with a Board Work Session where the district can move toward a final statement to be presented to the public.

9. Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items – Commissioner Pettigrew asked for a follow up with GoWest providing public transportation to Ball Fore and Veterans Park.

6:39 Meeting adjourned on motion from Hamm, second by Weiss. The meeting was adjourned (4 ayes - 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District