

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 8/16/16

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: John Hemingway, Pat Sowers, Valencia Pettigrew & Steve Horrell

Attorney Joe O'Donnell

Staff Present: Ray Peterson, Rachel Lenz

Media and others: 6

6:00 – President Hemingway declared the meeting open.

2. Approval of Agenda – President Hemingway request that item #10 be deleted as the policy directed at unmanned aerial system use is not prepared for review. Commissioner Horrell moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Sowers 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 Sowers moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pettigrew. The motion passed (4 ayes - 0 nays). Commissioner Horrell moved to approve of the July financial statements and August bills and transfers. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote (4 ayes - 0 nays).

4. Public Comment – None

5. President's report - Hemingway introduced the McDonough County Special Recreation Association Director Adrianna Tuszynski. Director Tuszynski distributed copies of her letter of resignation. She thanked the board for the opportunity to serve the MCSRA and stated that while she loved the position her new employment is more in line with her career objectives. Board members extended their congratulations to Adrianna best wishes for her future. President Hemingway pointed out that the SRA position is one that was under review regarding the new salary standards so postponing the filling of the position is prudent. He called for a special meeting of the Board on September 6 to address SRA staffing issues.

President Hemingway encouraged commissioners to attend tomorrow's Chamber Of Commerce Business after Hours hosted by the Macomb Park District at Veterans Park. He introduced Superintendent Lenz to provide additional details of the event. Lenz explained the format and activities which will afford the district the opportunity to both showcase what we have done with Veterans Park along with showing the work in progress on the new phase of development. President Hemingway told commissioners that the director would report in more detail later but the pool has closed for the season and he wanted to assure them that the district had made extraordinary efforts to reopen the pool and extend the season to no avail. He also stated that as this the last year of the agreement with the City of Macomb therefore he feels there is significant need to start meeting with the city on the issue. That and the fact that there is a local effort to develop a recreation center and new pool may affect the district's role regarding future involvement in the operations of Glenwood Pool. Hemingway stated that ultimately the future of the pool in in the hands of the city as they are the sole owner of the facility.

6. Director's report – As per request by President Hemingway, Peterson reviewed the actions regarding the pool repairs this year. The final issue of the year occurred last Friday when the newly replaced pump motor suffered catastrophic failure. With only a few days left in the season the decision was made to close the pool and make no more attempts to open in 2016. Peterson explained that if the pool is to be operated next year at minimum the pump motor must be replaced. The new motor failure was due to a mistake by the contractor therefore will not

be an additional expense to the district. During discussion Peterson expressed the frustration to both the public and staff at the situation this year. Operating a facility as old as Glenwood Pool typically requires considerable investment of time and money to keep functioning, 2016 has been a particularly challenging year. At request from Commissioner Horrell, Peterson will investigate whether the leak from the chlorinator installation was the cause for the original pump failure.

Peterson reminded Commissioners of the Business After Hours tomorrow and the ribbon cutting for the Labyrinth at Lakeview on Thursday. In addition there will be the last After Glow party at Ball Fore this Saturday. Peterson reported that Ball Fore will be starting the new fall hours on August 29 which will be Thursday through Sundays 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The second annual Flatland Summer Jam Music Festival will be held at Veterans Park, August 27. The annual kite festival will on the Balloon Rally weekend Sept 10 and the last movie in the park will be on September 16.

Peterson presented a progress report on the Veterans Park Phase 2 development which includes the installation of electrical service for vendors at the fall music festival. Peterson informed the board that the State of Illinois has raised the No-bid limit from \$20,000 to \$25,000, effective immediately. Peterson reported that as of September 17, people interested running for the Board of Commissioners may begin circulating petitions. There will be 3 positions on the April Ballot, two 4 year terms and one 2 year term.

7. Committee reports – none

8. Discussion and possible action regarding the Macomb Area Leisure Foundation - President Hemingway introduced Dave Dorsett. Dorsett gave a brief summary of the history of the MALF from its inception in 1999 to present. Due to the limited activity within the foundation over the last few years and the fact that one of the principle reasons the foundation was created was to support leisure activities through the Macomb Park District the MALF board of directors chose to elect John Hemingway, Jim Bloom, Pat Sowers, Valencia Petigrew and Steve Horrell to the Board of Directors of the Macomb Area Leisure Foundation. The intent is that this will strengthen both the fundraising ability and the future of the foundation by assuring active board members. President Hemingway thanked the MALF board members, with special recognition to current board members Dave Dorsett, Brenda Sayre and Randy Powell for their years of investing time and effort into helping fund leisure activities in Macomb. Macomb Park District Attorney Joe O'Donnell will take care of the required documentation for the State of Illinois and the IRS to formalize the transition.

9. Report on the status of the McDonough County Special Recreation Association - Postponed until the September 6th Special meeting

~~**10. Discussion and possible action on policy regulating unmanned aerial systems – Hemingway** - Deleted~~

11. Report on Executive Director Search - Hemingway - President Hemingway referenced the job announcement produced by the Illinois Association of Park Districts which has been distributed to the entire membership as well as included in various relevant publications and published on the internet. The application period will close on September 2nd. Representatives of IAPD will be at the September 20 board meeting to inform commissioners regarding the candidate pool available for interviews.

12. Closed Session 5 ILCS 120/2 sec, 2(c) (5) the purchase or lease of real property - 6:55 enter closed session on motion by Horrell, second by Sowers (4 ayes - 0 nays by roll call vote).

On motion from Horrell, second by Sowers (4 ayes - 0 nays by roll call vote) the meeting resumed open session
7:24

11. Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items - none

7:25 Meeting adjourned on motion from Horrell, second by Sowers.

Respectfully submitted

Ray Peterson, Secretary
Macomb Park District