

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 08/18/15

MINUTES:

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

6:00 – President Hemingway declared the meeting open.

**2. Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Bloom moved to approve the agenda with items #12 and #13 deleted. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed (3 ayes – 0 nays).

6:02 Commissioner Pettigrew entered meeting

**3. Consideration of and action on the minutes, bills and transfers, and monthly financial statements –**  
Commissioner Bloom moved to approve the minutes of the July Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners regular meeting and the minutes of the August 11 Special Meeting. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).

Treasurer Bloom stated that the Finance Committee recommended approval of the July financial statements and August bills. The July financial statements and August bills were approved on roll call vote (4 ayes – 0 nays).

**4. Public Comment** – None

**5. President's report** – President Hemingway stated that he wanted the opportunity to thank Kunes Country Auto Group of Macomb for donation next week's Music Jam and the City of Macomb for contributing to next month's Kite Day both to be held at Veterans Park.

**6. Director's report** – Peterson informed the Board that Glenwood Pool has shut down for the season. The State of Illinois did a late season inspection which required some work before draining as well will require some off season repairs. He indicated that the district is attempting to contact a qualified pool contractor to inspect the chemical, filtration and recirculation systems as well as possibly do the prescribed repairs. The repairs to the Lakeview heating / cooling system have been completed and system is functioning well.

Peterson reported that the design work for the proposed second entrance to the dog park is nearly complete to be followed by cost estimates. Which will be forwarded to the Committee for review. The cigarette receptacles have been installed at the dog park. The staff is continuing to monitor actions in Springfield regarding the various versions of property tax freezes. Depending on whether a freeze is passed and in what version it may mean the district will have an increase reliance on fees and charges.

**7. Committee reports** – Finance Committee – Treasurer Bloom reported that the Project Account is showing a two million dollar account balance but he wanted to make it clear that the majority of those funds earmarked for the Veterans Phase 2 project. He also stated that the operations budget is in good shape at this point.

On behalf of the Dog Park Committee, Commissioner Sowers reported that the committee has been in contact with other area dog parks to survey management procedures. He also stated that the process has started to determine the feasibility of constructing a second entrance into the park to help control some of the erosion but as yet the committee has no recommendation.

**8. Discussion and possible action regarding appointment of Macomb Park District Commissioner** - President Hemingway reported that following a review of applicants with consideration to other commissioner opinions he was submitting Steve Horrell for appointment to the vacant position to valid until the next regular Park District election in 2016. Mr. Horrell indicated he would not able to attend to night's meeting due to a prior commitment. Acting upon the recommendation President Hemingway called for a roll call vote. Steve Horrell was approved to fill the vacant position of Commissioner (4 ayes - 0 nays).

**9. Report on upcoming evets** - Director Peterson explained that Superintendent Lenz was detained at a press event and unable to make this report in person. Peterson summarized the upcoming events. The first is the Flatland Jam music festival this weekend at Veterans. Given the forecasted mild temperatures he hoped would have a couple of thousand visitors this family friendly activity. There will be a Kite Day at Veterans in association with the Annual Balloon Rally. The Macomb Flyers Kite Club hope to be make this an annual local event. The event has professional kite flyers featuring kites as large as 90 feet long, kids kite flying and construction activities all starting on Friday night, all day Saturday as well as Sunday afternoon. In addition to the upcoming movie in the park and the improved Moonlight Miniature Golf event there will also be a celebration in observance of National Marshmallow Day held at Lakeview Nature Center. In addition the district was just officially notified that the Macomb Park District was awarded the 2015 Regional Quidditch Tournament to be held at Veterans this November. The three day event will have entries from throughout the Great Lakes Region which comprised of ten mid-western states.

**10. Report on the current status of the Veteran's Park Phase 2 development** - Peterson reported that the plan revisions necessary by the addition of the 50 foot strip of the land to the east are completed and the construction specifications are in final review. The pre-bid meeting with potential bidders is tentatively scheduled for Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> and bid opening for September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The bids and bid documents will be reviewed by McClure Engineering with recommendations for board consideration in October. Depending on how the bids come in comparison to the engineer's estimates. The board may have to examine the deducible alternatives to decide the exact elements to be included in the project.

**11. Discussion and possible action regarding the board retreat** - President Hemingway stated that in his opinion setting exact times or dates should be delayed until new Commissioner Steve Horrell is in attendance. Hemingway reported that talking with individual board members he has determined the retreat should be a maximum of 2 hours and cover the rolls and responsibilities of commissioners and a review of the director search criteria / methodology.

**12. Closed session - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) - possible purchase of real estate** - deleted

**13. Consideration and possible action regarding purchase of real estate** - deleted

**14. Open Commissioner presentation and discussion of future agenda items** - none

6:34 Meeting adjourned on motion from Bloom, second by Pettigrew