

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 9/20/16

MINUTES:

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

Attorney Joe O'Donnell

Staff Present: Ray Peterson, Rachel Lenz, Chris Frankhauser

Media and others: 7

6:00 – President Hemingway declared the meeting open.

2. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Sowers moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Horrell 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 Horrell moved to approve the minutes of the August 16 regular meeting, September 6 Special Meeting, and the closed session minutes of August 16 and September 6. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sowers. Commissioner Pettigrew stated that she had a concern regarding the minutes of the September 6 closed session. Commissioner Horrell amended his motion to exclude the September 6 closed session minutes as closed session minutes should not be discussed in open session. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the amended motion. The motion passed (4 ayes - 0 nays).

President Hemingway asked Business Manager Chris Frankhauser to review and summarize the financial statements and bills and transfers. Commissioner Horrell moved to approve the August financial statements and September bills and transfers. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed on roll call vote (4 ayes - 0 nays).

4. Public Comment – None

5. President's report - Hemingway waived the President's report due the crowded agenda and the significant items would be covered later in meeting.

6. Director's report – Peterson reported on recent events and programs. Peterson reminded commissioners that Ball Fore has changed to fall operating hours Thursday through Sunday 3 - 10 pm. He informed the board that the 2017 budget work is underway and due to concerns regarding new variables affecting labor cost superintendents will be significantly more involved with entire process. Peterson stated that in the next few weeks select shutdowns of park water service may start depending upon weather. Peterson updated commissioners regarding the Veterans Park construction. It was necessary to extend the completion date due to recent rains affecting the ability to proceed with seeding and fence installation. The extension however will no negative effect and quite likely should help to assure a better final product by the time the fields are open for use. Peterson reviewed upcoming activities and programs for October. He announced that petition for the April election are now permitted to be circulated and invited people interested in running for a Commissioner position to contact the district office for forms and information.

7. Committee reports – none

8. Resolution 16-2 Honoring Jim Bloom - President Hemingway explained that long time Commissioner Jim Bloom had resigned from the Board of Commissioners for personal reasons and expressed his regard and appreciation for

Jim Bloom's dedication and leadership during his years on the Board. He then read Resolution 16-2 commemorating Jim Bloom's contributions during his tenure on the Board and best wishes for his retirement. Commissioner Horrell moved to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The Motion passed on roll call vote (4 ayes - 0 nays).

9. Resolution 16 - 3 Appointment of Chris Frankhauser to Treasurer - President Hemingway explained that due to the resignation of Jim Bloom the board was currently without a treasurer, therefore he was proposing that the Assistant Treasurer Chris Frankhauser be named the Treasurer. He stated that this is an important issue as the district will have actions in the near future requiring action by the official Board Treasurer. Commissioner Sowers moved to approve Resolution 16-3 Appointment of Chris Frankhauser to Treasurer. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. The motion passed on roll call vote (4 ayes - 0 nays).

10. Nomination and possible action for appointment of commission to fill vacant position - President Hemingway explained that there are number of critical issues and decisions that will be before this board in the near future and he felt it very important to have a full board contributing if at all possible. After considering several potential board members he was prepared to make a nomination for the position. Based upon his many years associated with the Macomb Park District and leisure activities, experience and involvement in the community he was nominating Russ Hamm for consideration. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Sowers. The nomination was approved by roll call vote (4 ayes - 0 nays). Secretary Peterson administered the oath of office and Commissioner Hamm joined the Board of Commissioners.

11. Consideration and action regarding the retention of firms of First Midstate Inc. as bond underwriter and Law firm of Chapman and Cutler as bond counsel for upcoming bond issue - President Hemingway explained the purpose and function of this action and confirmed that this is at no cost to the district. Commissioner Horrell moved to retain First Midstate and Chapman and Cutler as presented. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed on roll call vote (5 ayes - 0 nays).

12. Closed Session 5 ILCS 120/2 sec, 2(c) (1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees - 6:22 enter closed session on motion from Commissioner Horrell, second by Sowers (5 ayes - 0 nays).

On motion from Horrell, second by Sowers (5 ayes - 0 nays) the meeting resumed open session 7:10

On advice of legal counsel the Minutes of the closed session of September 6, 2016 were reconsidered, Commissioner Horrell moved to approve the closed session minutes of 9/6/16. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pettigrew. The motion passed (4 ayes - 0 nays - 1 abstention)

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

7:18 - Meeting adjourned on motion from Horrell, second by Sowers.

Respectfully submitted

Ray Peterson, Secretary
Macomb Park District