

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING 4/27/17

MINUTES:

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

Board Attorney: Joe O'Donnell

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz

Media and others: 2

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 (5 ayes – 0 nays).

3. Open public presentation to Commissioners - none

4. Operational Status of the Glenwood Pool, discussion and possible action. – President Hemingway presented the board with resolution 17-1, “Withdrawal from management of the Glenwood Swimming Pool.” Hemingway asked for a motion, stressing the fact that a second would merely open the resolution up for discussion, not adopt it. Commissioner Sowers made the motion and Commissioner Pettigrew second.

Attorney O'Donnell brought attention to the protection of the Park District against liabilities as his focus and reiterated that the District has opened themselves up to possible claims against them as they are aware of the failing structure integrity of the current facility. O'Donnell recommended that it be required for the engineering company making the recommendations follow up the construction with an inspection verifying the enforcements were done properly and that the facility was structurally sound for public swimming use. Director Lenz discussed the other annual procedures for opening and what else would need to be repaired prior to the pool being operational.

At the recommendation of Attorney O'Donnell the Resolution was amended more appropriate wording to the firms involved with the process. Director Lenz also asked at what point, if the worst were to occur with repair needs, the Park District would be able to claim the repairs as undue burden if the cost would cause potential layoffs or cutbacks. Commissioner Hemingway addressed this by reading section three of the current Intergovernmental Agree reading “If capital repair costs are deemed to be excessive by both parties, the pool will be permanently closed.”

Commissioner Hamm raised the concern of the financial constraint the poor has already imposed on tax payers and again asked the board if that is the best use of the funding for the tax payers. Hamm also asked if the exceeding costs that Macomb has continued to see year after year was normal for outdoor pools or if our facility was unique in the excessive costs. To Commissioner

Hamm's understanding though is that no matter what we are obligated to manage the pool for one more year and that what the resolution is saying that the Park District will follow through with that responsibility as long as the structural improvements are up to code, after which the Park District will withdrawal from management after the 2017 season.

The motion passed with a roll call vote (3 ayes, 2 nays).

6:53 Meeting adjourned on motion from Sowers, second by Horrell.

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District