

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 4/17/18

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: John Hemingway, Russ Hamm, Curtis Bortell, & Philip Weiss  
Attorney Joe O'Donnell  
Staff Present: Rachel Lenz & Kayla Morphey  
Media and others: 2

6:05 –President Hemingway declared the meeting open.

**2. Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Hamm moved for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Bortell 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 Weiss moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Bortell seconded the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).

Treasurer Hamm said overall the month ended under budget and that management was doing a good job keeping expenses down for the month of March. Commissioner Bortell moved to approve of the bills and transfers and monthly financial statements. Commissioner Weiss second the motion. The March financial statements and April bills were approved on roll call vote (4 ayes – 0 nays).

**4. Public Comment** – None

**5. President's report** – President Hemingway began by honoring Buck Knowles and expressed his sympathy's to his family and friends at Buck's passing. Buck was the first director of the Macomb Park District and made major contributions to the community that still stand today. Commissioner Hamm shared his experiences with the park district early on during Buck's tenure with the District and fond memories he had shared with him.

President Hemingway informed the board of the IAPD Legislative conference happening in Springfield that he and the Superintendent of Support Service, Neil Armstrong, will be attending. The district was also recognized by IParks as an Exemplary IParks Member by achieving a favorable loss ratio.

**6. Director's report** – Director Lenz discussed the upcoming events and fundraisers such as Foos for Families, Fitness Fest, Vino & Vinyl, Meet me at the Park, and Birds and Blooms. HyVee donated \$1,000 in response to their meat bundle promotion for the Push 4 Parks campaign. The current promotion at HyVee is a candy drive in collaboration with Mars candy. Multiple business in the community have also joined in the sales of candy bars such as Nelson's clothing, First Bankers Trust, Macomb Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, A Boy & His Tiger, Brown's Shoe, Computer Source, and Bronze It.

Director Lenz was excited to announce that the Push 4 Park campaign was chosen as a recipient for the VIBE grant, along with Flags of Love. The main auction event will happen in November. Lenz also announced that Ball Fore Family Entertainment Center would be opening on April 21 and will be open Thursday through Sunday from 3:00 – 10:00 until the Macomb School District is dismissed for the summer. Staff Orientation will also be that weekend to assist in the District's compliance with the new OSHA requirements. Adult Softball League will be happening and is under new leadership.

**7. Consideration and possible action regarding Ordinance #327 – Authority to Name or Rename Parks, Geographical Features, Buildings, Field Complexes, Fields, Facilities & Installations** – President Hemingway read the purpose of the policy into the minutes: IT SHALL BE THE POLICY of the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners (hereafter Board) that the naming or renaming of parks, geographical features, buildings, fields, facilities and installations conform to the requirements set out below. Commissioner Hamm moved to approve Ordinance #327. Commissioner Bortell second the motion. The ordinance was approved on a roll call vote (4 ayes, 0 nays).

**8. Consideration & action on Resolution 18-3: Policy on Naming & Renaming of Parks, Geographical Features, Buildings, Field Complexes, Fields, Facilities, & Installations** – President Hemingway explained that resolution 18-3 establishes the comprehensive parameters around which the naming policy applies. Again the purpose of Resolution 18-3 states: IT SHALL BE THE POLICY of the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners (hereafter Board) that the naming or renaming of parks, geographical features, buildings, field complexes, fields, facilities and installations conform to the requirements set out below. Commissioner Hamm motioned to approve Resolution 18-3. Commissioner Weiss second the motion. The resolution was approved on a roll call vote (4 ayes, 0 nays).

**9. Consideration and possible action on Resolution 18-4: Naming of Veterans Park Roadway** – President Hemingway read Resolution 18-4 into the minutes:

WHERE AS Virginia Welch gave considerably of her time and energy to benefit the Macomb Park District and its residents;

WHERE AS Virginia Welch was particularly supportive of youth athletics and therefore of the Veterans Park project; and

WHEREAS Virginia Welch did make a substantial financial contribution in the early stages of the Veterans Park project that was vital to moving the project forward; and

WHERE AS under Ordinance 327 the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners has final authority in naming District facilities or parts thereof; and

WHERE AS under Virginia Welch’s contribution satisfies the criteria for naming established in Resolution 18-3 3.B(9) and 5.B(2);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Macomb Park District, meeting in regular session this 17th day of April 2018 that:

1. The main roadway in Veterans Park, running from the park entrance to the youth softball parking area, be named Virginia Welch Way in honor of Virginia Welch’s contributions to the Macomb Park District and its residents

Commissioner Bortell motioned to approve Resolution 18-4, naming Veteran’s Park Roadway as Virginia Welch Way. Commissioner Weiss Second the motion. The resolution was approved on a roll call vote (4 ayes, 0 nays).

**10. Consideration and action on Visioning Statement.** – President Hemingway mentioned this statement has undergone several revisions based on the comments and feedback provided by the board. Commissioner Hamm moved to approve the Visioning statement. Commissioner Bortell second the motion. The Visioning Statement was approved on a roll call vote (4 ayes, 0 nays).

**11. Review and possible action regarding an extension of agreement with Utility Management Consultants LLC.** – The District Business Manager provided the board with the multiple options to be selected from for Utility agreements. The 24 month contract was recommended due to foreseen cost trends in the market. Commissioner Bortell motioned to approve a 24 month contract with Homefield. Commissioner Weiss second the motion. The resolution was approved on a roll call vote (4 ayes, 0 nays).

**12. Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items** – N/A

7:02 Meeting adjourned on motion from Bortell, second by Weiss.

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary  
Macomb Park District