

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 12/15/2020

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Phil Weiss, Stirling Edwards, Russ Hamm, Emily Gamage, & John Hemingway

Attorney: Joe O'Donnell

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz

Media and others: 1

1. 6:00 p.m. – President Weiss declared the meeting open.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Hamm moved for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays).
3. **Consideration of and action on the minutes, bills and transfers, and monthly financial statements** – Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the regularly scheduled meeting November minutes. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays).

Treasurer Hamm gave an overview of the consolidated fund and general fund balances. Commissioner Hamm informed the board that District received a tax distribution of \$133,470, the District continues to receive COVID-19 reimbursement from the state [via Local CURE grant], and the new bond money was deposited on December 10th in the amount of \$622,609 to the Consolidated Fund. Commissioner Gamage moved to approve the bills and transfers and monthly financial statements. Commissioner Edwards second the motion. The November financial statements and December bills were approved on roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **President's report** – President Weiss thanked all the staff and volunteers at the Macomb Park District for their efforts through this year going above and beyond providing for our community.
6. **Director's report** – Director Lenz announced Bold Brew House was the next Push 4 Parks partner and would be selling t-shirts for \$20, \$2 of which would go to the Patton Park project. Lenz also thanked Abram Olson for donating \$400 to the Lighting Project at Veterans Park. Lenz informed the board Graduate Assistant Rok Locksley has created a board game built around the Macomb Park District and the Macomb School of Magic. This will be made available free to the public to print off for the Holiday season. Director Lenz distributed a general overview of the District's 2020 finances as compared to 2019 finances. The District received approximately 87% of the standard revenue and was able to operate at 81% of the standard expenses. Lenz applauded the Macomb Park District staff for their hard work in cutting expenses and going above and beyond to keep the District operating smoothly.
7. **Consideration and action on the 2020 Property Tax Levy Ordinance #338** - President Weiss read a portion of the Ordinance into the minutes:

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ASSESSING THE TAXES OF THE MACOMB PARK DISTRICT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.

Whereas, on the March 17, 2020, the Board of Commissioners of the Macomb Park District passed the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of said District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and upon said date the said Ordinance was duly signed and approved by the President of the

Board of Commissioners of said District and signed by the Secretary of said Board; as required by Law
Weiss informed the board the total for the levy was \$728,325. Commissioner Hemingway motioned to approve the Ordinance #338. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

8. Consideration and possible action on Resolution 20 – 2: Amendment of Resolution 18-5 Naming Policy – President Weiss explained this is a technical correction for the policy already in place. The amendments as follows:

1. *Paragraph 5-B(4) is deleted and marked as follows:*

(4) *DELETED*

2. *Paragraph 5-B(5) is added as follows:*

(5) *Further recognition will be extended to donors in accordance with Resolution 20-3 Gift Acceptance and Recognition.*

3. *Section 6 is added as follows:*

Section 6. Termination of Naming Rights

In addition to any rights and remedies available at law, the Board may terminate for cause any naming rights agreement, with all rights and benefits of the donor thereunder including terminating the naming itself. Details are specified in Macomb Park District Resolution 20-3 Gift Acceptance and Recognition.

Commissioner Hamm moved to approve Resolution 20-2. Commissioner Hemingway second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

9. Consideration and possible action on Resolution 20 – 3: Gift Acceptance & Recognition Policy – Weiss introduced the Resolution to the board and asked Commissioner Hemingway to share some information about the resolution as the author. Hemingway stated that with the Director’s fulfilling her task of fundraising and seeking out donations. This document formalizes the Director’s authority to solicit gifts and describe the types of gifts we might look for, what levels of giving would be recognized, etc. One of the nuances of giving is that donor intent governs, and this document assists in guaranteeing that to donors. This letter also establishes a structure to build gift agreements for individuals giving. Hemingway read general guidelines to the board:

- A. *This policy is intended to protect and advance the interests of the Macomb Park District (hereafter District) and those persons and/or entities the persons and other entities who choose to support the District’s activities, and to ensure that gifts to the District are structured to provide maximum benefits to all parties*
- B. *The District works in close cooperation with the Macomb Park and Recreation Foundation (hereafter Foundation), a separate tax-exempt organization. Donors are encouraged to make all donations through the Foundation, thus enabling them to receive any available tax benefits. The Foundation will coordinate transfer of donations to the District in compliance with donors’ wishes and all applicable law*
- C. *The District and Foundation accept only gifts that are compatible with their missions, goals, purposes, programs, and facilities. The District and Foundation reserve the right to refuse any gift that does not provide sufficient financial benefit, is incompatible with their missions, goals, purposes, programs, and facilities; that puts their assets, reputations, and good names at risk; and/or is prohibited by law*

Hemingway also explained the creation of the five tiers of giving and how it systemizes the level of giving. Commissioner Gamage moved to approve Resolution 20-3. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

10. Consideration and possible action on the Authorization of Director to execute gift agreement, closed session possible - 5 ILCS 120/2(6) – President Weiss moved to enter into closed session under the authority 5

ILCS 120/2(6). Commissioner Hemingway second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays). The Board entered into closed session at 6:35.

Commissioner Hemingway moved to resume open session. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays). Open session resumed at 7:22. President Weiss explained that the discussion was about the terms of the gift agreement that the Director had prepared for the board. Commissioner Hamm moved to approve the terms of the gift agreement and the naming rights specified in the agreement.

Commissioner Edwards second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

11. Consideration and possible action on Resolution 20 – 4: Recognition of Donors – President Weiss read the resolution:

WHEREAS, the Macomb Park District strives to expand and develop the range of recreation facilities and opportunities available to the residents of Macomb;

WHEREAS, the Macomb Park District welcomes assistance from individuals and organizations who support these efforts;

WHEREAS, Dave and Jackie Thompson have been generous in giving their time and counsel to the District;

WHEREAS, Dave and Jackie Thompson have moreover twice made generous gifts to the District of over twenty thousand dollars each, most recently supporting relocation and expansion of the dog park at Patton park; and

WHEREAS, Dave and Jackie Thompson’s support and generosity will benefit the residents of Macomb now and in the future;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Macomb Park District, meeting in regular session this 15th day of December, 2020, that said Board expresses its thanks Dave and Jackie Thompson for their dedication to the well-being of Macomb, in recognition of which the Board acting under Resolution 20-4 hereby declares Dave and Jackie Thompson to be Benefactors of the Macomb Park District

and that said Board wishes to spread this Resolution upon the Minutes of this meeting in commemoration of the action taken thereby.

THIS RESOLUTION passed and become part of the Minutes of the December 15, 2020, meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Macomb Park District.

Commissioner Hamm moved to approve Resolution 20-4. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

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

7:27 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Hamm, second by Edwards. The motion passed (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District