

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 04/18/2023

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Phil Weiss, Stirling Edwards, Emily Gamage, & Molly Selders

Attorney: Emily Sutton

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz & Blake Severs

Media and others: 2

1. 6:00 p.m. – President Weiss declared the meeting open

2. Approval of Agenda Commissioner Selders moved for the approval of the agenda with the removal of item number 8. Commissioner Edwards second the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).

3. Consideration of and action on the March meeting minutes, bills and transfers, monthly financial statements – Commissioner Gamage moved to approve the March meeting minutes. Commissioner Edwards second the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).

Assistant Treasurer Gamage gave an overview of the balances for the consolidated fund and the general fund accounts. Gamage shared the consolidated fund ran approximately \$118,000 over budget due to the recent purchases towards the Patton development. Gamage stated there were no significant deviations shown in the other fund accounts. Commissioner Edwards moved to approve. Commissioner Selders second the motion. The March financial statements and April bills were approved on a roll call vote (4 ayes – 0 nays).

4. Open public presentation to Commissioners – N/A

5. President's report – President Weiss shared that he and Director Lenz will be attending the IAPD Legislative Conference on May 2nd & 3rd in Springfield and they are looking forward to an opportunity to meet with their legislators during that time. Weiss reminded the board at next month's meeting the board will be scheduling a board retreat. Lastly, Weiss took an opportunity to thank the production assistant, Billie Chadderdon, for her three years of service to the Park District Board.

6. Director's report – Director Lenz updated the board on the Patton Park Project progress, specifically work beginning on the multiuse path and shade structures being installed at the Jackie & Dave Thompson Dog park. New solar tables have been installed at Citizens Plaza. These tables have charging stations, lights, and are completely off grid. Ball Fore is set to open May 5th, with a buy one get one free round of mini golf all opening weekend. Lenz went over upcoming programs and encouraged residents to check out the website for more information. Lenz closed with information about a possible solar opportunity for the Park District with Progressive Business Solution.

7. Introduction and Welcome to new Superintendent of Support Services – Blake Severs – Mr. Severs took a moment to introduce himself and shared his excitement with the board in joining the Park District team.

~~8. Review and possible action regarding an extension of agreement with Seven Utility Management Consultants LLC~~

9. Consideration and possible action Resolution 23-1 Honoring Stirling Edwards

WHEREAS, Stirling Edwards was elected to the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners in 2019 serving four years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Stirling Edwards was elected Vice President of the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners in 2020; and

WHEREAS, during his service on the Board of Commissioners, Stirling Edwards provided invaluable insight, perspective, and guidance to the Board to assist the District in fulfilling its mission; and

WHEREAS, Stirling Edwards gave freely and generously of his time, energy, and self to ensure that the Macomb Park District serves the well-being of the citizens of Macomb and participants of Macomb Park District activities and facilities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Macomb Park District, in regular session, this 18th day of April, 2023 that this Board does hereby express its appreciation for these years of service rendered by the said Stirling Edwards to the Board of Commissioners and to the Citizens and Constituents of the Macomb Park District; and that the Commissioners do hereby extend to him their Best Wishes upon his departure from his position as Commissioner and Vice President of the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners, and that they desire to spread this Resolution upon the Minutes of this meeting in tribute of this action taken.

President Weiss thanked Commissioner Edwards for his time on the board. Commissioner Edwards shared his time on the board has been educational, exciting, and most of all fun. Commissioner Selders moved to approve Resolution 23-1. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes, 0 nays).

10. Open Commissioner presentation and discussion of future agenda items – N/A

6:24 PM – Meeting adjourned on a motion from Gamage, second by Edwards. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District