

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 05/16/2023

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Phil Weiss, Russ Hamm, Molly Selders, & Neil Armstrong

Attorney: Emily Sutton

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz & Chris Frankhauser

Media and others: 1

1. 6:02 p.m. – President Weiss declared the meeting open

**2. Approval of Agenda** Commissioner Selders moved for the approval of the agenda. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The motion passed (3 ayes – 0 nays).

**3. Consideration of and action on the April meeting minutes, bills and transfers, monthly financial statements** – Commissioner Selders moved to approve the April meeting minutes. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The motion passed (3 ayes – 0 nays).

Treasurer Hamm gave an overview of the balances for the consolidated fund and each of the general fund accounts. Hamm shared the District received a PPRT distribution on April 11<sup>th</sup> in the way of \$29,730. Commissioner Selders moved to approve. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The April financial statements and May bills were approved on a roll call vote (3 ayes – 0 nays).

**4. Open public presentation to Commissioners** – N/A

**5. Oath of Office for Commissioners elected in 2023** – Secretary Lenz asked the newly elected/re-elected commissioners (Philip Weiss, Moly Selders, and Neil Armstrong) to stand before the board, raise their right hand, and state the following oath:

*I [commissioner's name] do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Park District commissioner according to the best of my ability.*

With their publicly stated oath, Commissioner Weiss, Commissioner Selders, and Commissioner Armstrong were seated with the board.

*\*Armstrong joins the board increasing voting members to 4. \**

**6. President's report** – President Weiss welcomed Neil Armstrong as the newest member of the board. Weiss went on to inform the board that he and Director Lenz attend the Legislative Conference in Springfield and had the opportunity to connect with Representative Dan Swanson. Weiss said Director Lenz will be working on scheduling a visit with our legislators in the near future to do a tour of Macomb's parks.

**7. Director's report** – Director Lenz gave an overview of new offerings that District offered last month, Saber Training Academy and a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip at Lakeview Nature Center. Lenz went on to provide an update on the Patton progress and the work being accomplished on the multiuse

path as well as new shade structure at the Jackie & Dave Thompson Dog Park. Lenz also announced new concession buildings have been placed in Veterans Park and are currently being run by the MCGSL and Macomb Little League for their respective game schedules. Lenz updated the board on upcoming summer events such as Randolph St. Rendezvous and Movie in the Park, as well as programming happening across the District.

**8. Consideration and possible action on moving server system to Azure Cloud** – President Weiss welcomed Business Manager Frankhauser to the podium to give the board a rundown of this potential move. Frankhauser distributed an overview flowchart of what the transition from on-premise data storage in Chicago to a cloud storage system. Frankhauser and Lenz both highly recommend this option over the option of hosting data storage at the District office itself as the costs would be considerably higher. Commissioner Hamm moved to approve moving the server system to Azure Cloud. Commissioner Armstrong second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (4 ayes, 0 nays)

**9. Consideration and possible action on Resolution 23-2: Forming a Committee on Local Government Efficiency** – President Weiss read the following resolution into the minutes:

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-2**

**A RESOLUTION FORMING A COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Macomb Park District (“Park District”) is required to form a Committee on Local Government Efficiency (“Efficiency Committee”) pursuant to 50 ILCS 70/1 *et seq.* (the Act); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Act, the Efficiency Committee shall: (1) study the Park District’s governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other governmental units and the State of Illinois, (2) collect data, research, and analysis as necessary to prepare a written report that includes recommendations with respect to increased accountability and efficiency, and (3) provide a written report to the administrative office of each county board of the county in which the governmental unit is located; and

**WHEREAS**, the Efficiency Committee shall consist of the elected or appointed members of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District, at least two residents from the district appointed by the President of the Board of Commissioners and approved by the Board of Commissioners, and the chief executive officer or other officer of the Park District, if any; and

**WHEREAS**, The President desires to appoint Stirling Edwards [NAME] and John Hemingway [NAME] as the two resident members of the Efficiency Committee, with the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Efficiency Committee shall meet at least three times and shall operate as a public body pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Efficiency Committee shall provide a written report to the administrative office of the McDonough County Board no later than eighteen months after the day of the Efficiency Committee’s formation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Efficiency Committee will be dissolved after it has made a written report to the McDonough County Board and all other statutory requirements have been satisfied;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE MACOMB PARK DISTRICT, MCDONOUGH COUNTY, ILLINOIS** as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That the Board of Commissioners hereby forms its Committee on Local Government Efficiency consisting of the following individuals:

- Philip Weiss \_\_\_\_\_ [NAME OF BOARD PRESIDENT]
- Neil Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_ [NAME OF COMMISSIONER]
- Emily Gamage \_\_\_\_\_ [NAME OF COMMISSIONER]
- Russel Hamm \_\_\_\_\_ [NAME OF COMMISSIONER]
- Molly Selders \_\_\_\_\_ [NAME OF COMMISSIONER]
- Stirling Edwards \_\_\_\_\_ [NAME OF RESIDENT MEMBER]
- John Hemingway \_\_\_\_\_ [NAME OF RESIDENT MEMBER]
- Rachel Lenz \_\_\_\_\_ [NAME OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR OTHER OFFICER AS APPLICABLE]

**SECTION 2:** That Philip Weiss shall serve as the chairperson of the Efficiency Committee; and

**SECTION 3:** That the Park District’s Board Secretary, Open Meetings Act Officer, and Freedom of Information Act Officer shall serve the Efficiency Committee in those respective roles; and

**SECTION 4:** That the Efficiency Committee shall perform its duties in accordance with 50 ILCS 70/1 *et seq.*; and

**SECTION 5:** That the Board of Commissioners shall provide a written report to the McDonough County Board no later than November 15, 2024, which is eighteen months after the day of the Efficiency Committee’s formation.

Director Lenz shared that the resolution in front of them was developed by IAPD’s legal team. IAPD is committed to creating resources for this new requirement to make it as easy as possible for it’s members. Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve Resolution 23-2. Commissioner Selders second the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes, 0 nays).

**10. Discussion and possible action on Board Retreat** – President Weiss said it was time to select a date for the Board retreat. Looking at their calendars the board decided June 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 3:00 with a potential back up date June 21. Commissioner Selders moved to approve. Commissioner Armstrong second the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes, 0 nays).

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

6:43 PM – Meeting adjourned on a motion from Hamm, second by Armstrong. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary  
Macomb Park District