

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 4/16/2024

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Philip Weiss, Molly Selders, Neil Armstrong, Emily Gamage, & Russ Hamm

Attorney: Emily Sutton

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz

Media and others: 1

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

Treasurer Hamm gave an updated report on the consolidated fund and all general fund accounts. Hamm also informed the board the District received a PPRT check on March 11th in the amount of \$13,081.20. Commissioner Selders moved to approve. Commissioner Armstrong second the motion. The April financial statements and May bills were approved on roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).
4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **President’s report** – None
6. **Director’s report** – Director Lenz gave an update on the Patton Park Project including multiuse trail development, newly installed dog wash station, and new lighting by the east parking lot. Lenz shared Ball Fore was set to open May 3rd and invited everyone out to try out the new amenity, which was set to be announced later that week. Lenz gave a brief overview of summer programs with the board and boasted about the success Natalie Shelley had brought to the ceramics programming over these last several years. Director Lenz closed with sharing the District had hired Aquatic Control to complete a pond survey at both Patton and Everly Pond as a first step in developing a pond management plan for the future.
7. **Consideration and possible action on Public Transportation agreement with McDonough County Public Transit (City of Macomb)** – Director Lenz shared that one of the District’s strategic initiatives was to find ways for those who do not have ready access to transportation, have access to District events and programming. Superintendent Sahagian worked with McDonough County Public Transit to come to an agreement which will provide a bus route to all three Movies in the Park this summer. Lenz explained this will be a trail run for what they hope will be extended to more District events and programming in the years to come. The cost to the District would be \$25 per hour for each event agreed upon. Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes, 0 nays).
8. **Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items** – Commissioner Armstrong wanted to commend the Maintenance team for their continued effort in keep the parks looking great even

though they are understaffed as well as kudos to the full District team for their continued efforts pushing forward into the busy season.

6:18 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Gamage, second by Selders. The motion passed (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District