

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 8/20/2024

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Neil Armstrong, Emily Gamage, Russell Hamm, & Phil Weiss

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz

Media and others: 2

1. 6:00 p.m. – President Armstrong declared the meeting open.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Hamm moved for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Weiss seconded the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).
3. **Consideration of and action on the minutes and, bills and transfers, and monthly financial statements** – Commissioner Weiss moved to approve the regularly scheduled June meeting minutes. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).

Treasurer Hamm gave an updated report on the consolidated fund and the general fund account. Hamm informed the board that the district received the next tax distribution on July 22nd in the way of \$159,781 approximately 11% of the total distribution. To date the district has received approximately 55% of the total distribution. Commissioner Gamage moved to approve. Commissioner Weiss second the motion. The July financial statements and August bills were approved on roll call vote (4 ayes – 0 nays).

4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **President’s report** – President Armstrong shared he has had the opportunity to travel this summer, has seen several quality green spaces throughout, and wanted to share his kudos with the Macomb Park District staff for continuing to provide quality open spaces for the Macomb community. Armstrong also shared the petition circulation window for community members interested in running for the Macomb Park District board opened today (8/20) and packets can be picked up at the main office. Packets must be completed and filed with the Macomb Park District secretary no earlier than November 12 at 8:00 a.m. and no later than November 18th at 5:00 p.m. There are two positions up for election this election cycle.
6. **Director’s report** – Director Lenz shared an update on the Patton Park project, the fishing piers are completed and open to the public. The path to the piers will be completed with the same TerreWalk panels that have been used for the multiuse trail throughout the park. Lenz mentioned the District will further their collaboration with Aquatic Control next year to build healthier habitats in both the Patton and Everly Ponds. The meditative gardens are now complete, the bridge over the emergency spillway to the piers is also complete, and a swing bay has been added to the red playground for a baby swing.

Lenz gave a brief overview of upcoming events and programs. Ball Fore Family Entertainment Center’s closing weekend is October 4th through the 6th. Lenz closed sharing the office would be closed for Labor Day on September 2nd and would resume normal business hours on Tuesday (9/3) at 8:00 a.m.

7. **Open Commissioner presentation and discussion of future agenda items-** Commissioner Weiss shared he had the opportunity to DJ for the MCSRA summer dance and shared what a fun time he and all the participants had.

6:39 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Gamage, second by Weiss. The motion passed (4 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted.

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District