

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 10/16/2024

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Neil Armstrong, Molly Selders, & Russell Hamm

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz & Sharon Larson

Attorney: Emily Sutton

Media and others: 22

1. 6:00 p.m. – President Armstrong declared the meeting open. Prior to the approval of the agenda, Armstrong asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of former commissioner Stirling Edwards.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Selders moved for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Hamm seconded the motion. The motion passed (3 ayes – 0 nays).
3. **Consideration of and action on the minutes and, bills and transfers, and monthly financial statements** – Commissioner Selders moved to approve the regularly scheduled September meeting minutes. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The motion passed (3 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 third tax distribution check for \$486,665 bringing the total received to approximately 88%. Commissioner Selders moved to approve. Commissioner Armstrong second the motion. The September financial statements and October bills were approved on roll call vote (3 ayes – 0 nays).

4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **Presentation of the Marjorie Connor Spirit Award** – MCSRA program leader, Sharon Larson, shared an overview of how the Marjorie Conner Spirit Award started and the process of how awardees are selected. The 2024 Marjorie Conner Spirit Award was awarded to Sara Topel. President Armstrong congratulated Sara and entered into a brief recess at 6:09 pm to allow the family to take pictures. The board came back from recess at 6:12 p.m.
6. **Public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Park Commissioners of the Macomb Park District, McDonough County, Illinois, to sell \$750,000 General Obligation Park Bonds** – President Armstrong declared the public hearing open at 6:12 p.m. With no one present for the meeting Armstrong entertained a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Selders moved, Commissioner Hamm second. The public hearing closed at 6:12 p.m.
7. **President’s report** – President Armstrong shared he attended the World War II event at Veterans Park and was impressed with the event and reenactors. Armstrong also reminded everyone that petitions for becoming a park district commissioner are available at the District office and anyone interested in running should contact Director Lenz.
8. **Director’s report** – Director Lenz shared aerial photos of Patton Park from 2020, 2021, 2023, and 2024 to show the incredible transformation that has happened over the last four years with that facility. Lenz gave an update on upcoming events the community could look forward to. She informed everyone that park restrooms would be closed and winterized November 1st and encouraged park goers to please plan accordingly. Lenz informed the board that she had been invited to attend the Thriving Communities Conference with Mayor Inman and City Administrator Coker December 10th & 11th in Washington DC. She is excited about the continued growth of that partnership and the opportunities that may come from attending the conference.
9. **Distribution and discussion of Executive Director’s Annual Review packet** - Director Lenz distributed the packet to commissioners prior to the meeting. Lenz went through the goals outlined in the packet with details of what steps have been taken towards accomplishing these goals. Armstrong encouraged the Commissioners to further review the details of the document before the November meeting where official action would be taken.

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

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