

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 08/15/2023

MINUTES:

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

Attorney: Emily Sutton

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz

Media and others: 2

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

2. Approval of Agenda Commissioner Hamm moved for the approval of the agenda. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).

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

Treasurer Hamm gave an overview of the balances for the consolidated fund and each of the general fund accounts. Hamm reminded the board that the District received the second tax distribution just prior to the July board meeting; bring the total received distribution to approximately 50%. The District also received a PPRT check for approximately \$38,900. Commissioner Gamage moved to approve. Commissioner Armstrong second the motion. The bills and financial statements were approved on a roll call vote (4 ayes – 0 nays).

4. Open public presentation to Commissioners – N/A

5. Consideration and possible action on entering into an agreement with Progressive Business Solutions – presentation by Shawn Ajazi – Shawn presented the board with an overview of three potential routes the District could pursue to switch three of their facilities (the main office, Lakeview Nature Center, and Ball Fore) to solar. Shawn went through the potential locations of each unit as well as the anticipated savings with each option with a 20 year outlook. The board chose to table any decision until the September meeting to allow time for each commissioner to meet with Director Lenz to discuss these possibilities in more detail.

6. President's report – President Weiss told the board he had the opportunity to DJ a dance with the McDonough County Special Recreation Association last month. He shared what a wonderful time he had and commended the SRA staff for putting on such a fantastic event for the participants.

7. Director's report – Director Lenz shared the bridge north of the pond at Patton Park is complete bringing the first phase of the multiuse path to completion. Additional sail shades will be going up soon and the bids for the boardwalk are anticipated to be released in October. Director Lenz shared an email from previous Director, Ray Peterson, which gave a overview of the history of the main office building in response to Commissioner Hamm's building assessment request. Lenz stated that IMEG has scheduled an engineer to complete a building assessment prior to the next board meeting.

Lenz also gave a brief overview of upcoming events and programs. She informed the board that the next Push 4 Parks Partner is Forgottonia. She ended her report thanking the Illinois Arts Council Agency as they have awarded the District another general operating grant in the way of \$3,000.

8. Open Commissioner presentation and discussion of future agenda items – Commissioner Armstrong commended the staff for continuing to provide such beautiful green spaces regardless of the circumstances such as the long drought followed by the derecho. Commissioner Weiss echoed that statement and said he had the chance to walk the new path out at Patton and was very impressed by it.

6:52 PM – Meeting adjourned on a motion from Hamm, second by Gamage. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District