

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 3/18/2025

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Neil Armstrong, Molly Selders, Russell Hamm, Philip Weiss

Staff: Rachel Lenz

Attorney: Emily Sutton

Media and others: 4

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

Treasurer Hamm gave an updated report on the consolidated and general fund accounts. Commissioner Selders moved to approve and Commissioner Weiss second the motion. The February financial statements and the March bills were approved on a roll call vote (4 ayes, 0 nays).

4. **Public Comment-** None
5. **President Report-** President Armstrong mentioned the consolidated election would be taking place on April 1. Any newly elected officials would not be seated until the May meeting.
6. **Director Report-** Director Lenz shared the Park District is hiring all seasonal positions as well as the MCSRA Program Supervisor position. Interested parties can get more information on the District website or stop by the Jobapalooza county job fair March 25 at Spoon River College Outreach Center from 1:00 – 4:00. Superintendent Sahagian is bringing a new event to the Macomb Community, an Adult Easter Egg Hunt on April 5. Lenz gave the board an update on the Bike Safety Campaign the District is partnering with the City of Macomb on; part of the active transportation initiative.

Director Lenz gave an update on Patton Park progress including another large order of TerreWalk panels, bike racks, sway benches, and estimated timeline for construction on the basketball courts. Ball Fore is doing a community wide survey, which will be open until March 28th. Lenz closed with a reminder that park restrooms would not open until April 1 and encouraged the public to plan appropriately while using park facilities until then.

7. **Public Hearing regarding the Budget & Appropriation Ordinance #351-** President Armstrong declared the public hearing officially open at 6:19 p.m. With no one present for the public hearing Commissioner Weiss moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (4 ayes, 0 nays).
8. **Consideration and possible action on Budget and Appropriations Ordinance #351-** President Armstrong opened the floor to commissioners for questions for the Director. No questions were presented. Commissioner Hamm moved to approve Ordinance #351. Commissioner Selders second the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote (4 ayes, 0 nays).

9. **Discussion and possible action on Executive Director's goals** – Director Lenz read the goals to the board as follows:

- 1. Complete Patton Park renovation as outlined in the OSLAD grant agreement by September 30, 2025 and submit all final paperwork to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources*
- 2. Complete a detailed evaluation of each Park District facility to develop a log of facility maintenance needs. Upon completion, build a prioritized list of improvements/projects for 2026.*
- 3. Actively engage in collaborative initiatives for multimodal transportation throughout Macomb with the City of Macomb and other relevant community partners*
- 4. Explore additional funding opportunities for park improvements*
- 5. Continue park modification, renovation, and beautification through remaining facilities*
- 6. Cultivate relationship with local legislators*
- 7. Cultivate community relationships beneficial to the Park District*

Commissioner Selders moved to approve the Director's goals. Commissioner Weiss second the motion. Motion passed on a roll call vote (4 ayes, 0 nays).

10. **Discussion and possible action on Athletic Field Usage Policy** – Director Lenz shared that with increasing group usage being seen through all our parks there was a need to update the District's policy into one cohesive location. Commissioner Hamm moved to approve the Athletic Field Usage policy. Commissioner Weiss second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (4 ayes, 0 nays).

11. **Open Commissioner presentation and discussion of future agenda items-** None.

6:29 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Weiss, second by Hamm (4 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District