

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 4/15/2025

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Neil Armstrong, Emily Gamage, and Philip Weiss

Staff: Rachel Lenz

Attorney: Emily Sutton

Media and others: 2

1. 6:06 p.m.- President Armstrong declared the meeting open.
2. **Approval of the Agenda-** Commissioner Weiss moved to amend the agenda by striking item #10. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (3 ayes, 0 nays). Commissioner Weiss moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed (3 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 March meeting. Commissioner Armstrong second the motion. The motion passed (3 ayes, 0 nays).

Assistant Treasurer Gamage gave an updated report on the consolidated and general fund accounts. Commissioner Weiss moved to approve and Commissioner Armstrong second the motion. The March financial statements and the April bills were approved on a roll call vote (3 ayes, 0 nays).

4. **Public Comment-** None
5. **President Report-** President Armstrong welcomed Cory Clem as the most recently elected commissioner after the April elections. Armstrong also informed the board that he would be continuing to serve on the IAPD Program Committee for the upcoming year.
6. **Director Report-** Director Lenz gave an update on Patton Park progress on amenities such as the multiuse trail, wetland restoration, concrete games, and basketball court progress. Ball opens May 2nd. Lenz closed with an overview of upcoming events and programs.
7. **Consideration and possible action on Resolution 25-2: In appreciation of Commissioner Emily Gamage for her years of service** – President Armstrong read the following into the minutes:

**Resolution 25-2
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
MACOMB, ILLINOIS**

IN APPRECIATION OF
COMMISSIONER EMILY GAMAGE FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, Emily Gamage was appointed to the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners in November 2019 serving six years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Emily Gamage was elected Assistant Treasurer of the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners in July 2020; and

WHEREAS, during her service on the Board of Commissioners, Emily Gamage provided invaluable insight, perspective, and guidance to the Board to assist the District in fulfilling its mission; and

WHEREAS, Emily Gamage gave freely and generously of her time, energy, and self to ensure that the Macomb Park District serves the well-being of the citizens of Macomb and participants of Macomb Park District activities and facilities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Macomb Park District, in regular session, this 15th day of April, 2025 that this Board does hereby express its appreciation for these years of service rendered by the said Emily Gamage to the Board of Commissioners and to the Citizens and Constituents of the Macomb Park District; and that the Commissioners do hereby extend to her their Best Wishes upon her departure from her position as Commissioner and Assistant Treasurer of the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners, and that they desire to spread this Resolution upon the Minutes of this meeting in tribute of this action taken.

Commissioner Weiss moved to approve Resolution 25-2. Commissioner Armstrong second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (3 ayes, 0 nays)

8. **Consideration and possible action on Resolution 25-3: In appreciation of Russell Hamm for his years of service** - President Armstrong read the following into the minutes:

**Resolution 25-3
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
MACOMB, ILLINOIS**

IN APPRECIATION OF
COMMISSIONER RUSSELL HAMM FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, Russell Hamm was appointed to the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners in September 2016 serving eight years thereafter; and

WHEREAS, Russell Hamm was elected Treasurer of the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners in January 2017; and

WHEREAS, Russell Hamm has diligently protected the Macomb Park District's financial resources in the best interests of the District's residents, constituents, and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, during his service on the Board of Commissioners, Russell Hamm provided invaluable insight, perspective, and guidance to the Board to assist the District in fulfilling its mission; and

WHEREAS, Russell Hamm gave freely and generously of his time, energy, and self to ensure that the Macomb Park District serves the well-being of the citizens of Macomb and participants of Macomb Park District activities and facilities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Macomb Park District, in regular session, this 15th day of April, 2025 that this Board does hereby express its appreciation for these years of service rendered by the said Russell Hamm to the Board of Commissioners and to the Citizens and Constituents of the Macomb Park District; and that the Commissioners do hereby extend to him their Best Wishes upon his departure from his position as Commissioner and Treasurer of the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners, and that they desire to spread this Resolution upon the Minutes of this meeting in tribute of this action taken.

Commissioner Gamage moved to approve Resolution 25-3. Commissioner Weiss second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (3 ayes, 0 nays)

9. **Discussion and possible action on Social Media Policy** – Director Lenz shared this policy is something that has been in development for slightly over a year and comes from best practice recommendations. Commissioner Gamage moved to approve the social media policy. Commissioner Armstrong second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (3 ayes, 0 nays.)
10. ~~**Discussion and possible action on Western Illinois Regional Council Community Action Agency Victim Services Memorandum of Understanding**~~
11. **Open Commissioner presentation and discussion of future agenda items-** None.

6:35 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Weiss, second by Gamage (3 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District