

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 7/15/2025

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Neil Armstrong, Molly Selders, Cory Clem, John Hemingway & Phil Weiss

Staff: Chris Frankhauser, Michelle Narvaez

Attorney: Emily Sutton

Media and others: 0

1. 6:00 p.m.- President Armstrong declared the meeting open.
2. **Approval of the Agenda-** Commissioner Weiss made a motion to amend the agenda with the removal of item 5, Review of the annual audit-Sikich with discussion and possible action. Commissioner Hemingway made a motion to approve the amended agenda and seconded by Commissioner Weiss.
3. **Consideration of and action on the minutes, and bills, and transfers and monthly financial statements-** Commissioner Weiss moved to approve the minutes from the June meeting minutes. Commissioner Hemingway second the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes-0 nays). Treasurer Weiss gave a summary of the finances for the month of June. Weiss reported that the district received a 47% property tax distribution today in the amount of \$746,499.76. Commissioner Clem moved for approval of the bills, transfers and monthly financial statements, seconded by Commissioner Selders. Passed on a roll call vote (5-ayes, 0-nays).
4. **Open public presentation to Commissioners-** None
5. **Review of the 2024 annual audit-Sikich with discussion and action possible-** Item removed from the agenda
6. **President Report-** President Armstrong reported that the board is making progress in the search for a new director. Armstrong encouraged the public to get out and check out the district's facilities and events.
7. **Business Manager Report-** Business Manager Frankhauser gave an update on the districts solar panels. District received a \$47,074 payment from the Illinois Shines-Solar Renewable Energy program. This was a full payment for the Nature Center (\$30,309.53) and Ball Fore (\$12,604.41). A partial payment of the Office was received as well (\$4,160.06). The remaining office payments will be paid out over a 7-year period with an estimated rate of \$1,500.00 per year. With these payments, this takes the projected return on the investment down from 11 to 9 years. Frankhauser reported that he met on July 3 with the company that is working with the district to get the tax credits (Tri-Merit), to register the 3 sites with the IRS. There are several statuses for this, and the districts were sitting in the review stage as of the end of last week. Frankhauser reported on the production of the solar panels for June. Office impact was equal to planting 76 trees, 4.5 tons of CO2 reduction and 546,500 cell phones charged. BF was 17 trees planted, 1.0 ton of CO2 reduction and 122,400 cell phones charged. Lakeview was equal to 1 tree planted, 125.6 lbs. of CO2 reduction and 6,800 cell phones charged. Frankhauser gave an update of Patton Park. He reported that the north bridge was completed and the terra walk tiles have been placed to tie the north end into the walking path. The concrete ping-pong table has been installed. There are just a few small items to finish up, including bike rack installs, seeding and plant a few more trees. Special Olympics track state was June 20-22. 4 of the 5 athletes that attended medaled. Special Olympics Bowling starts July 17. Little Lunchers had a great turnout last Thursday. Frankhauser thanked Buffalo Wild Wings and Hy-Vee for supplying the meal and Pepsi for the drinks. The final one for the summer will be July 24. Frankhauser stated that there were 2 more Sunday's for the drop in kickball games. The remaining dates are July 20 & 27 and August 3 from 4-

6 PM at Veterans Park. On July 27, the District is holding a free Hogwash Slip & Slide Event at the Stone Shelter from 1-3PM. Event will feature 2 75 ft long slip and slides. Thank you to Pepsi for their help in putting this event on.

8. **Open Commissioner presentation and discussion of future agenda items-** Commissioner Hemingway spoke that with the completion of the basketball courts at Patton, asked the board to consider naming those courts after former commissioner Valencia Pettigrew in honor of her passion about serving the interest and her concerns of her constituents. Hemingway stated that he would make a motion to do so at the next board meeting. President Armstrong stated that it would be an appropriate honor and help continue her legacy to the community. Hemingway asked if it would be appropriate to reach out to her husband regarding the honor and Armstrong will extend that invitation.

6:17 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Commissioner Clem, second by Commissioner Hemingway.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Frankhauser, Interim Secretary  
Macomb Park District