

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 10/17/2023

MINUTES:

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

Attorney: Emily Sutton

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz, Julie Eggleston, & Sharon Larson

Media and others: 7

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

2. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Selders moved for the approval of the agenda. Commissioner Armstrong second the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays).

3. Consideration of and action on the September meeting minutes, bills and transfers, monthly financial statements – Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the September meeting minutes. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays).

Treasurer Hamm gave an overview of the balances for the consolidated fund and each of the general fund accounts. Hamm shared the District is expecting the final tax distribution in November. Commissioner Gamage moved to approve the bills, transfers, and monthly financial statements. Commissioner Selders second the motion. The bills and financial statements were approved on a roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

4. Open public presentation to Commissioners – N/A

5. Presentation of the Marjorie Conner Spirit Award – MCSRA program supervisor shared an overview of how the Marjorie Conner Spirit Award started and the process of how awardees are selected. The 2023 Marjorie Conner Spirit Award recipient is Simon Rhoades. President Weiss congratulated Simon 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 \$725,000 General Obligation Park Bonds – President Weiss declared the public hearing open at 6:13 p.m. With no one present for the hearing Commissioner Armstrong moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The hearing closed at 6:14 p.m. on a roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

7. President's report – President Weiss shared that in May, the board formed the required Efficiency Committee and now need to set up dates to meet for that. Weiss recommended that everyone take a look at their calendars and see if they would be available directly after the November meeting that would be great. He also mentioned that the Board needs to vote on an official delegate to attend the IAPD business meeting at the Soaring to New Heights conference this January. Weiss informed the board that, as the newest commissioner to the board,

Commissioner Armstrong has priority to attend this year's conference. Weiss asked that everyone take a look at their schedule as the board will vote on a delegate next month.

8. Director's report – Director Lenz shared updated photos of the development at Patton; specifically related to shade structures and the meditative gardens. Lenz had the opportunity to give a tour of facilities to Senator Halpin as well as a site visit at Patton with Representative Hammond with the TerreWalks representatives. Lenz also shared the work she assisted with at Lincoln School's playground for all committee and specifically took the time to applaud Pam Burnham and share what a true gift Mrs. Burnham is to our community.

Director Lenz went through the upcoming events for the remainder of the year, including details about the newest event Pumpkin Smash. Lenz reminded everyone that bathrooms will be closed November 1st. Lenz ended sharing herself and attorney Sutton would be attending the IAPD's Legal Symposium in early November.

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. Weiss encouraged the Commissioners to further review the details of the document before the November meeting where official action would be taken.

10. Discussion and possible action on meeting dates for 2024 – President Weiss shared the 2024 dates with the board with specific attention to the January, February, and October meeting dates as those dates would be pushed to the Wednesday of that week due to holidays. Commissioner Hamm moved to approve the dates as presented. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays)

11. Open Commissioner presentation and discussion of future agenda items – Commissioner Armstrong quickly mentioned he saw the MCSRA at the WIU Homecoming parade and thought they did a fantastic job engaging the community.

6:33 PM – Meeting adjourned on a motion from Hamm, second by Gamage. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District