

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 07/19/2022

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Phil Weiss, Russ Hamm & Emily Gamage

Attorney: Emily Sutton

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz (remotely) Chris Frankhauser, Julie Eggleston & Nathan Miner

Media and others: 2

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

Treasurer Hamm gave an overview of the consolidated fund and each of the general fund accounts.

Commissioner Gamage moved to approve. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The monthly financial statements were approved on roll call vote (3 ayes – 0 nays).

4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **Presentation and review of the 2021 annual audit - Sikich** – Chad Lucas was invited to the podium for his presentation. Mr. Lucas walked through two documents presented to the Board by Sikich; the 2021 Financial Audit and the Auditor’s Communication to the Board & Management. After walking through both documents, Mr. Lucas explained that Sikich is required to disclose any material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in relation to internal controls that they uncover during their audit process. Lucas stated the couple that rose to the level of “significant deficiencies” have been discussed with management and are working to be remedied. The other disclosed deficiencies act more as recommendations and Sikich understands some of the costs associated are not feasible for smaller units of government. Lucas shared that management has taken action on several of these items since December 31, 2021.

Commissioner Hamm asked, as the final documents were just presented to the board at the start of the meeting if approval of the audit could be tabled until the August meeting to provide time for the Commissioners to read through each document. The board approved by consensus to table the approval until August.

6. **Final Project Report presentation- Nathan Miner** – Nathan Miner presented a report on his final project, program development for Lakeview Nature Area & Centers’ annual event, Nature’s Fireworks. He shared his appreciate for the opportunity to work with the McDonough County Special Recreation Association and the Macomb Park District for his internship experience.
7. **President’s report** – President Weiss stated he is continued to be impressed with the Director Lenz and the district staff with the number of events they have offered. Weiss congratulated the district in being awarded a \$360,000 OSLAD grant from the Department of Natural Resources for the next phase of construction of at Patton Park.

8. **Director Report** – Director Lenz expressed her gratitude to the IDNR & the state for the award of the \$360,000 grant for next phase of the Patton Park project. The paperwork for the grant should be received soon. The planning phase for this will begin in the fall of this year with construction to begin in early spring of 2023. Lenz listed the items that will be completed during this phase of the project. Lenz stated that since this is a matching grant, this takes the Patton Park upgrades from an estimated 5-7 year completion time to 2-3 year timetable for completion.

Lenz stated that the surveys from Campfire Concepts had closed on July 18. There were just under 250 surveys completed which surpassed the goal of 200. Lenz mentioned that Campfire Concepts will be at the August meeting to share an update on the work done so far.

Lenz update the board on upcoming programs and events in August. There are several programs going on for ceramics and at the Lakeview Nature Center. The next Randolph Street Rendezvous will be held August 18 from 6:30-9:30 at the Glenwood Park Stone Shelter with Matt Eckberg Band. Lenz thanked Mid-America National Bank for sponsoring this event. The next Movie in the Park will be held on August 26 at Veterans Park and will be showing Encanto. Lenz thanked First Banker's Trust for their continued support of this event. Lenz thanked Brown's Shoe Fit as our August Push for Parks partner.

Lenz announced the resignation of Neil Armstrong, Superintendent of Support Services after 5 years in this position and almost 11 years with the District. Lenz announced the Sir Rock Locksley has agreed to stay on with the District and fill the position as interim Superintendent of Support Services.

9. **Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items** – None

7:01 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Hamm, second by Gamage. The motion passed (3 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Chris Frankhauser, Assistant Secretary  
Macomb Park District