

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 09/20/2022

MINUTES:

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

Attorney: Emily Sutton

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz

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 (4 ayes – 0 nays).
3. **Consideration of and action on the minutes and, bills and transfers, and monthly financial statements** – Commissioner Selders moved to approve the August meeting minutes. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).

Treasurer Hamm gave an overview of the consolidated fund and each of the general fund accounts. Hamm also informed the board that the District received another property tax distribution in the way of \$54,306 on August 22nd bring the total tax distribution received to 62% for the year. Hamm also informed the Commissioners the District received a PPRT payment of \$4,432 on August 10th. Commissioner Gamage moved to approve. Commissioner Selders second the motion. The monthly financial statements were approved on roll call vote (4 ayes – 0 nays).

4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **President's report** – President Weiss started his report by thanking the Macomb Park District staff and volunteers for all their hard work and dedication this year. He stated he is continually impressed by the amount of offerings and services the District can provide in one year's time with their size of team. Weiss informed the Board that himself, Vice President Edwards, and Commissioner Selders' seats are up for reelection in the April 2023 Consolidated election. Petition circulation opened today for any community member interested in running they can spot by the Macomb Park District office to pick up a candidate packet. Packets can be filed when the office opens at 8:00 a.m. on December 12th until 5:00 p.m. on December 19th.
6. **Director Report** – Director Lenz announced the successful first day of the Macomb Jr. Rangers program which happened on September 16th. Over 300 Jr. High students dispersed across the Macomb Park District facilities for two hours to clean up trash, weed flower beds, and pick up sticks. Lenz is excited to continue to work with the Jr. High School to further develop this initiative for the students. The District is also hosting a Chamber Business After Hours tomorrow, September 21 at Patton Park from 4:30 – 6:00. Lenz said this is a great opportunity to give attendees an update on District happenings as well as inform a captive audience about the continued work to be done to Patton once the OSLAD grant agreement is fully executed.

Lenz updated the board on upcoming programs/events such as Noticing Nature on September 23; Nature Makers Workshop on September 24; Day in Clay Workshop on October 1; Prairie Pumpkin Hunt kicking off on October 1; and Ball Fore's final day of the season October 9th. Lenz also thanked Battlegrounds for their

support in selling the Macomb School of Magic game with a \$895 donation and Brown's Shoe Fit of Macomb for their Push4Park campaign raising \$2,609 for the Patton Park Project.

7. **Campfire Concept's Community-Wide Needs Assessment Study Report** – Director Lenz and President Weiss had the opportunity to meet with Campfire Concepts to go through the Survey Report and discuss the significant finding. Lenz gave Commissioners a brief overview of the results from the survey. President Weiss asked Director Lenz to have the results placed on the website for the public to be able to review.
8. **Presentation of proposed Mission, Vision, and Values for the Macomb Park District** – President Weiss informed the board that this would be the first reading of the proposed Mission, Vision, and Values that was developed by the District staff during their workshop with Campfire Concepts. Weiss asked the commissioners to think about what was written on the guiding principles to see if they truly fit what the Macomb Park District stands for and exists to accomplish. The proposed Mission, Vision, and Values will be on the October Agenda for official approval.
9. **Selection of First Midstate Inc. as Underwriter/Placement Agent and Chapman and Cutler LLP as Bond/Disclosure Counsel to the Underwriter/Placement Agent with respect to the District's General Obligation Limited Park Bonds** – Weiss explained this is an annual action item to hire First Midstate Inc as the District's bond underwriter as they have over the last 15 years. Director Lenz went over information about the estimated interest rate and the estimated bond amount. Commissioner Hamm moved to approve the selection of First Midstate Inc. as Underwriter/Placement Agent and Chapman and Cutler LLP as Bond/Disclosure Counsel to the Underwriter/Placement Agent with respect to the District's General Obligation Limited Park Bonds. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (4 ayes – 0 nays)
10. **Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items** – None

6:42 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Gamage, second by Selders. The motion passed (4 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District