

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 05/18/2021

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Phil Weiss, Stirling Edwards, Russ Hamm, & Emily Gamage

Attorney: N/A

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz

Media and others: 2

1. 6:00 p.m. – President Weiss declared the meeting open.
2. **Approval of Agenda** –Commissioner Edwards 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, bills and transfers, and monthly financial statements** – Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the regularly scheduled meeting April minutes. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).

Treasurer Hamm gave an overview of balances for the consolidated fund and each general fund account. Commissioner Hamm informed the board that the District received Personal Property Replacement Tax allocation in the way of \$28,137.40 on May 10<sup>th</sup> and the first reimbursement from the Representative Hammond grant allocation in the way of \$101,108.84. Treasurer Hamm also let the Board know that the District has been approved for an additional Local CURE (COVID relief) allocation of \$10,000, which will be submitted for at the end of the month. Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the bills and transfers and monthly financial statements. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The April financial statements and May bills were approved on roll call vote (4 ayes – 0 nays).

4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **Oath of Office for Commissioners elected in 2021** - Director Lenz read the oath to Commissioner Hamm and Commissioner Gamage as they repeated and took the oath of office as the 2021 elected Commissioners to the Macomb Park District Board.
6. **President's report** – President Weiss informed the board of one quick update, the audit presentation that was scheduled for this month has been delayed until June.
7. **Director's report** – Director Lenz reiterated what Commissioner Hamm stated, the District had received an approval for an additional \$10,000 allocation with the DCEO Local CURE program, which covered addition COVID expenses through December 2020 that was not covered in the original \$27,000 allocation. Lenz gave an update on the Patton Park Project, stating the rain has not been friendly to the progress the District is trying to make. The parking lot is close to being ready to pour concrete and the playgrounds pockets are installed with the engineered wood fiber (playground surfacing) and most of the landscape timbers to border each pocket are onsite. Lenz hopes, with weather cooperation, that both will be complete in the next month. Once those are complete, work will begin on the Jackie & Dave Thompson Dog Park. Director Lenz expressed a huge amount of thanks to Representative Norine Hammond. Lenz stated that Representative Hammond has been a big support of Macomb Park District initiatives and being impressed with the conceptual design and plan for the Patton Park Project, advocated for financial support for the development in the way of \$250,000.

Lenz updated the board on the Push 4 Parks Partners and the current campaigns:

- Brown's Shoe Fit in Macomb finished their campaign and raised \$1,160
- Forgottonia finally sold their last glass of Barks & Rec, raising \$1,300
- Magnolia's campaign is still ongoing through the month of May with their Ball Park Burger, choice of side for \$14, of which \$3 goes to Patton Project
- Nelson's Clothing is joining the campaign as the June Push 4 Parks Partner with their Saxx underwear line, just in time for Father's Day, \$5 of each sale will be donated to the Patton Project

Lenz also let the board know the new Superintendent of Events, Kara Sahagian, started this month and has hit the ground running.

Finally, Lenz shared a list of upcoming offerings:

- Ball Fore is open:
  - o Friday 5:00 – 10:00
  - o Saturday 1:00 – 10:00
  - o Sunday 1:00 – 6:00
- Lakeview Nature Area Volunteer Day
  - o May 29th from 9:30 – 11:30
- Adult Ceramics is starting up in person, with limited registration to allow for safe distancing
  - o Printed Porcelain – Thursdays starting June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00
- National Trail Day at Lakeview Nature Area
  - o June 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 2:30
- Movie in the Park: Black Panther
  - o June 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30
- Day in Clay Workshop
  - o June 12<sup>th</sup> – Budvases
  - o Glenwood Stone Shelter
- Storytime for Sprouts at Lakeview Nature Area
  - o June 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 10:30
- Randolph St. Rendezvous: On Stage Band
  - o June 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 10:00
  - o Thanks to our sponsor: Grand Prairie Assisted Living
- Nature Makers Workshop
  - o June 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 1:30

**8. Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items – N/A**

6:20 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Gamage, second by Edwards. The motion passed (4 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary  
Macomb Park District