

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 07/20/2021

MINUTES:

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

Attorney: N/A

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz

Media and others: 2

1. 6:36 p.m. – President Weiss declared the meeting open.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Prior to approval, President Weiss made an amendment to the agenda removing item 6. Commissioner Hamm moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Commissioner Gamage seconded the motion. The motion passed (5 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 June meeting minutes. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays).

Treasurer Hamm gave an overview of the June balances for the consolidated fund and each general fund account. Hamm informed the board the District received 29% tax distribution on June 17 in the way of \$329,317 as well as an additional \$10,000 in COVID relief through the DCEO's Local CURE program. Commissioner Gamage moved to approve the bills and transfers and monthly financial statements. Commissioner Edwards second the motion. The June financial statements and July bills were approved on roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

4. **Consideration of and action on closed session minutes** – Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the closed session minutes. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays).
5. **Public Comment** – None
6. **Presentation and review of the 2020 annual audit - Sikich with discussion and action possible.**
7. **President's report** – President Weiss informed the board that he and Director Lenz continue to work on seeking legal counsel. He also mentioned he had the opportunity to attend the ribbon cutting for the pathway for play hosted by the Chamber. Weiss extended a special thank you to Representative Norine Hammond for her continued support and dedication to parks. Weiss closed with welcoming Commissioner Selders to her first official full meeting.
8. **Director's report** – Director Lenz gave a brief update on the status of the audit and informed the board that they would be having an in person meeting with their new representative next week. The Park District hosted two ribbon cuttings in July, one for the Pathway for Play and another for the new Disc Golf baskets on the Everwood course. Director Lenz was excited to announce that the Patton Park has been designated as a Pathways for Play National Demonstration site by Playcore. Patton Park is one of three Pathways for Play National Demonstration Sites in the state of Illinois and one of only 16 in the United States.

Lenz provided a brief update on the developments at Patton Park. Aquatic Control, based out of Canton, is now maintaining the Patton Pond. The Jackie & Dave Thompson Dog Park agility equipment was set yesterday, grass seed will be planted soon. The fencing around the dog park is

progressing and should be completed in the next week. There will be a ribbon cutting for the Jackie & Dave Thompson Dog Park with the Chamber on September 1 at 11:30 a.m.

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

- Nelson's Clothing donated \$1,350 to the Patton Park Project
- Sullivan Taylor's Push 4 Park campaign continues through the end of July with their Freedom Toast which costs \$13, \$3 of each sale supports Patton Park
- Community News & Market will be joining as our August Push 4 Partner with their subscription newspaper (\$1 for each senior subscription, \$2 for each non-senior subscription) as well as Antique store (10% of all vintage and antique sales)

The Macomb Park District received a grant from the Illinois Art Council toward Lakeview Nature Area StoryWalk. The StoryWalk will be made up of 20 boards set along one of the paths in the prairie. Lenz also informed the board of upcoming District offerings: Storytime for Sprouts on July 21 at Lakeview Nature Area; Tabata with Heidi Hommel-Reaid in Glenwood Park on July 24<sup>th</sup>; Nature Makers Workshop on July 24 at Lakeview Nature Area; Free Mini Golf with the NAACP at Ball Fore on July 24<sup>th</sup>; Strength and Conditioning with Heidi Hommel-Reaid at Veterans Park on July 31<sup>st</sup>; Boogie Bash at Patton Park on August 6; and Randolph St. Rendezvous on August 12 in Glenwood Park.

Lenz closed with informing the board that the OSLAD grant has reopened, so that will be her main focus over the next six weeks.

- 9. Consideration and possible action to authorize IMEG proceeding with the creation of specifications, advertisement and collection of bids for the restroom facility in Patton Park –** President Weiss explained that because the cost is above the \$25,000 threshold this build must go to bid. Director Lenz distributed a schematic of the site and facility plan presented by IMEG. A portion of the earmark from Representative Hammond was allocated to the building of this facility and that grant's deadline is October 31<sup>st</sup>. The proposed timeline provided by IMEG is advertise for bid on July 27<sup>th</sup>, pre-bid meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Park District main office, bid opening at 3:00 p.m. on August 12<sup>th</sup> at the District main office, and the board would vote on the official contractor at the August board meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Gamage moved to approve authorize IMEG proceeding with the creation of specifications, advertisement and collection of bids for the restroom facility in Patton Park. Commissioner Selders second the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).
- 10. Consideration and possible action on acquisition of real property (70 ILCS 1205/8-1) –** President Weiss stated Citizen's National Bank contacted Director Lenz about donating Citizens' Plaza on the square. They wanted to entrust the property with an organization that they see being a good steward of the property and they have been impressed with the work that Macomb Park District has been doing over the last several years. Director Lenz did discuss this property with the District's Superintendent of Maintenance and he said after a little maintenance to bring the park up to a higher standard it would not be burdensome for his crew to maintain. Commissioner Gamage moved to approve accepting the donation of Citizens' Plaza from Citizens National Bank. Commissioner Edwards second the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

11. **Presentation and possible action on Surplus Personal Property Resolution 21-6** – Director Lenz briefly explained from time to time the District will have equipment that goes out of date or is no longer useful to us and because these items are purchased with tax payer dollars the District is required to take them to auction. President Weiss read the resolution into the minutes:

RESOLUTION 21-6  
SALE OR CONVEYANCE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Macomb Park District does from time to time have personal property no longer useful to the district and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Illinois Compiled Statutes 1205/8-22, the Macomb Park District declares the following property to be no longer necessary, useful, or for the best interest of the Macomb Park District;

18 Disc Golf Baskets  
2001 Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup (Vin # 1B7HC16X11S323645)  
Gilson Snow Blower  
3 Canoes  
2 Kayaks  
Canoe/Kayak Carrier (#51AUR12179H000367)  
1 – Eight Row Bleacher  
2 – Three Row Bleachers

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE MACOMB PARK DISTRICT, MACOMB ILLINOIS, in regular meeting July 20, 2021 declare the aforementioned equipment eligible for sale or otherwise disposal.

Commissioner Edwards moved to Resolution 21-6. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

12. **Presentation and possible action on Investment Resolution 21-7** – President Weiss read resolution 21-7 into the minutes:

Resolution 21-7

Whereas the Macomb Park District does on occasion have funds available that may be invested to best serve the financial needs of the Park District, and;

Whereas these said investments shall be collateralized in accordance with state law and protected so as only the Macomb Park District can receive invested funds and earnings, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following persons are hereby authorized to act on the behalf of the Macomb Park District regarding investments for following term of (16) sixteen months;

Any two of the following:

Rachel Lenz	- Executive Director
Philip Weiss	- President

Stirling Edwards        - Vice-president  
Russell Hamm            - Treasurer

THIS RESOLUTION passed in regular session of the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners meeting July 20, 2021 shall be in effect until November 15, 2022 or until revised by action of the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Edwards moved to Resolution 21-7. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion was approved on roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

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

7:25 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Edwards, second by Gamage. The motion passed (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary  
Macomb Park District