

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 09/21/2021

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Phil Weiss, Stirling Edwards, & Molly Selders

Attorney: N/A

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz

Media and others: 3

1. 6:00 p.m. – President Weiss declared the meeting open.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Edwards moved for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Selders seconded the motion. The motion passed (3 ayes – 0 nays).
3. **Consideration of and action on the regularly scheduled August meeting minutes and special August 26 meeting, bills and transfers, and monthly financial statements** – Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the regularly scheduled August meeting minutes as well as the August 26 special meeting minutes. Commissioner Selders second the motion. The motion passed (3 ayes – 0 nays).

President Weiss shared that Treasurer Hamm was not able to attend this month's meeting as his daughter was getting married. Weiss gave a brief overview of the August balances for the consolidated fund and the general fund account. Weiss informed the board the District received another grant reimbursement in the way of \$98,891.16 from the state on August 12, 2021 and the September tax distribution was received amounting to \$380,504.82 which leaves approximately 12% of the full distribution remaining. Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the bills and transfers and monthly financial statements. Commissioner Selders second the motion. The August financial statements and Septembers bills were approved on roll call vote (3 ayes – 0 nays).

4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **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 and Taxable General Obligation Refunding Debt Certificates, action possible – Presentation by David Pistorius** - Mr. Pistorius provided each of the Commissioners with a folder of information related to the Park District's bond and other relevant information. Pistorius started off with pointing out the US treasury yield which continues to be at historic lows. Mr. Pistorius continued by explaining what First Midstate is, tax caps, bond issuance specific to the Macomb Park District, what debt certificates are, and explaining advanced refunding debt certificates. He explained the District has a unique opportunity to do an advanced refunding on their current debt certificate which would yield a savings of approximately \$27,000. Pistorius also went detailed the Macomb Park District's prior bonds outstanding (\$654,645), prior debt certificates outstanding (\$1,355,000), and the proposal for the yearly general obligation park bond (\$657,000) which would be voted on at the November regularly scheduled board meeting. Commissioners thanked Mr. Pistorius for taking the time to attend the meeting and provide such a thorough explanation of the process. Commissioner Edwards moved to select First Midstate and Chapman & Cutler. Commissioner Selders second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (3 ayes, 0 nays).
6. **President's report** – With it being the last day of summer President Weiss took a moment to thank the staff of the Macomb Park District for their continued dedication to this community's parks and recreation

opportunities. Weiss also informed the board that conversations had begun again with Campfire Concepts regarding the Macomb Park District's strategic plan proposal. Weiss hoped to have something to the commissioners prior to the next board meeting. Weiss ended excited to announce the MCSRA Marjorie Connor Spirit Award presentation would be taking place at the October meeting.

7. **Director's report** – Director Lenz informed the board it has been a busy month with Move In Weekend at WIU, two successful Movies in the Park, the Macomb FOP BlueLine Ball, RPTA Department Student Orientation, and a successful Randolph St Rendezvous. Lenz announced the Macomb Park District successfully submitted an OSLAD application for \$360,000 for the Patton Park Project. Lenz thanked the staff who assisted with the application, specifically Whitney Christophe (Graphic Designer) who developed the Patton Park Concept plan and Rok Locksely (AmeriCorps Fellow) who hand drew the Meditative Garden Concept drawing. Work is a quarter of the way completed at Patton Park with a fall tree planting planned for mid to late October and the installation of the restroom estimated for December 2021/January 2022.

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

- Community News & Market donated \$500 to the Patton Park Project
- Macomb HyVee is the September Push 4 Parks Partner with their Bow Wow Meat Bundle (10 chuck patties, 10 pork patties, 16 jumbo hot dogs, and 10 brats) for \$45, \$10 of each bundle goes to support development at the Jackie & Dave Thompson Dog Park
- Free Range Yoga is joining as the October Push 4 Parks Partner

Lenz also informed the board of upcoming District offerings: Noticing Nature on September 24th at Lakeview Nature Area; Day in Clay Workshop on September 25 in the Glenwood Stone Shelter; Randolph St. Rendezvous with Black Velvet on October 7 in the Glenwood Stone Shelter, Day in Clay Workshop on October 9 in the Glenwood Stone Shelter and, Moonlight Meander on October 16 at Lakeview Nature Area. Lastly, Ball Fore Family Entertainment Center's last day of the season will be October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

8. **Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items** – Commissioner Edwards asked about the possibility of board members doing more with the Special Olympics participants and doing a bowling program or something similar.

6:46 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Edwards, second by Selders. The motion passed (3 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary  
Macomb Park District