

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 11/16/2021

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Phil Weiss, Stirling Edwards, Russ Hamm, Emily Gamage, & 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 Hamm moved for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Gamage seconded the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays).
3. **Consideration of and action on the regularly scheduled September meeting minutes and, bills and transfers, and monthly financial statements** – Commissioner Gamage moved to approve the regularly scheduled October meeting minutes. Commissioner Selders second the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays).

Treasurer Hamm gave a brief overview of the October balances for the consolidated fund and each of the general fund accounts. Hamm informed the board the District received a \$34,161.46 PPRT payment in October. Commissioner Gamage moved to approve the bills and transfers and monthly financial statements. Commissioner Edwards second the motion. The October financial statements and November bills were approved on roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **President’s report** – None
6. **Director’s report** – Director Lenz informed the board she had the opportunity to attend the Macomb Chamber’s Legislative Luncheon and IAPD’s Legal symposium this month. The District also hosted a ribbon cutting with the Chamber for the transfer of ownership of Citizen’s Plaza. Jeff and his maintenance team have already been hard at work cleaning up the park with more to come. Lenz thanked Dawn Piper with Free Range Yoga for being the October Push 4 Parks Partner and their donation of \$503.50. Lenz announced Arnold Brothers Heating and Cooling will be the November Push 4 Parks Partner, for every Carrier heater purchased, \$100 would be donated to Patton Park Project. Lenz shared an overhead image, provided by IMEG, of Patton Park in October 2020 and of Patton Park in October of 2021 to show the development progress thus far. Lenz thanked her staff and all the community support that made this progress possible.
7. **An Ordinance providing for the issue of General Obligation Limited Park Bonds, Series 2021, of the District for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, for the payment of certain outstanding obligations of the District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof** – Director Lenz provided a breakdown of the bond and sales that were sold locally through Morton Community Bank with an interest rate of 1.18% with the net proceeds of \$638,502. Commissioner Hamm moved to approve Ordinance #340 - providing for the issue of General Obligation

Limited Park Bonds. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain.)

8. **Consideration and possible action regarding board attorney, closed session possible [5ILCS 120/2(c)1]** – Commissioner Hamm motioned to enter closed session. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes, 0 nays.) The board entered closed session at 6:18 p.m.

6:30 p.m. – The board returned to open session on a motion from Commissioner Hamm and second by Commissioner Edwards. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes, 0 nays.)

Commissioner Hamm moved to have Director Lenz to begin the process of negotiating a contract with Emily Sutton to represent the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Selders second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain.)

9. **Discussion of Executive Director’s Annual Review, closed session possible, action possible – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)** – Director Lenz had distributed the annual review last month and redistributed the report prior to this meeting as well. Commissioner Hamm confirmed that each board member had received the report. Commissioner Hamm moved to go to closed session. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The board moved into closed session at 6:33 p.m. on a roll call vote (5 ayes, 0 nays.)

6:55 p.m. – The board returned to open session on a motion from Commissioner Gamage and second from Commissioner Selders. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes, 0 nays.)

Commissioner Hamm moved to accept Director Lenz’ annual report as submitted. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes, 0 nays.)

Commissioner Hamm moved to give Director Lenz an end of the year performance bonus, to be given in December, of \$2,000 and a salary increase of 2.5%. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes, 0 nays.)

10. **Discussion and possible action on naming an official delegate for the IAPD Business Meeting** – Weiss stated Commissioner Gamage is first on the list to attend the conference. Commissioner Gamage declined as she is not able to attend. Weiss then looked to Commissioner Selders as the next in line to attend. Commissioner Selders also declined for this year. Commissioner Weiss, being the next in line to attend, stated he was available and willing to go to this year’s conference. Commissioner Selders moved to appoint Weiss as this year’s delegate. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes, 0 nays).

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

7:04 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Gamage, second by Edwards. The motion passed (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary  
Macomb Park District