

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 12/21/2021

MINUTES:

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

Treasurer Hamm gave a brief overview of the November balances for the consolidated fund and each of the general fund accounts. Hamm informed the board the District received the final tax distribution on November 18 of \$158,446. The bond payment also came through on December 8th as discussed at the November meeting at \$638,502.50 Commissioner Gamage moved to approve the bills and transfers and monthly financial statements. Commissioner Selders second the motion. The November financial statements and December bills were approved on roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **President's report** – President Weiss welcomed Emily Sutton as the new Macomb Park District Board Attorney. Weiss also informed the board that Commissioner Hamm has agreed to take his place as the representative to the Chicago conference as Weiss had an unexpected family obligation come up. Lastly President Weiss thanked the staff and volunteers of the Macomb Park District for their hard work and dedication given through the last year.
6. **Director's report** – Director Lenz shared the end of the year work is starting to wrap up with progress being made on plans for the new year, including the recently released programs for the 2022 Winter/Spring Season. Lenz shared TJR Design has designed pins for the park district that are now for sale at the Park District main office for \$10, \$5 of which supports the District. Lenz also announced the early release of the Macomb School of Magic board game now for sale at Battlegrounds for \$24.99, 100% of the proceeds goes to the Patton Park Project. The Rocky Dog, donated by Dan and Linda O'Neil, has been placed in front of the dog park at Patton as part of Rocky on Parade through WIU. The restroom building is estimated to be installed before Christmas, which is much sooner than anticipated. Lenz also took a moment to thank all the businesses who stepped up during 2021 as Push 4 Parks Partners for their support in raising awareness and financial support of the ongoing work happening at Patton.

The Macomb Park District will close down operations from December 24th through the New Year. The staff will be well rested and ready to go at the reopening on January 3rd. Director Lenz, Superintendent Armstrong, and Superintendent Sahagian will be attending the state conference this year at which Lenz will be having a preliminary meeting with Campfire Concepts. Lenz ended with announcing she had been elected as the newest member of the IPARKS Board of Directors.

7. **Consideration and action on the 2021 Property Tax Levy Ordinance #341** - President Weiss read the following:

“AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ASSESSING THE TAXES OF THE MACOMB PARK DISTRICT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

Whereas, on the March 16, 2021, the Board of Commissioners of the Macomb Park District passed the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of said District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, and upon said date the said Ordinance was duly signed and approved by the President of the Board of Commissioners of said District and signed by the Secretary of said Board; as required by Law;”

Director Lenz gave an overview of the Levy presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Hamm moved to approve Ordinance #341. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes, 0 nays)

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

6:24 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Gamage, second by Selders. The motion passed (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District