

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 07/21/2020

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Philip Weiss, Stirling Edwards, Russ Hamm, Emily Gamage, & John Hemingway  
Attorney: Joe O'Donnell  
Staff Present: Rachel Lenz  
Media and others: 3

6:07 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 (5 ayes – 0 nays).

**3. Consideration of and action on the minutes, bills and transfers, and monthly financial statements** – Commissioner Hemingway moved to approve the regularly scheduled June meeting minutes. Commissioner Edwards second the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays).

Treasurer Hamm gave an overview of the consolidated fund and general fund balances. Hamm announced the District received a Surplus TIF check from the city for \$6,393 in mid-June. 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. Public Comment** – None

**5. Election of Supporting Officers; Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer** –

- Commissioner Hemingway nominated Chris Frankhauser for Assistant Secretary. Commissioner Hamm second. Chris Frankhauser was elected as Assistant Secretary on a roll call vote (5 ayes, 0 nays)
- Commissioner Weiss nominated Commissioner Gamage for Assistant Treasurer. Commissioner Hemingway second. Commissioner Gamage was elected as Assistant Treasurer on a roll call vote (5 ayes, 0 nays)

**6. President's report** – President Weiss informed the board that both himself and Director Lenz attend the July 6<sup>th</sup> city council meeting where Mayor Mike Inman proclaimed July as Park and Recreation month in Macomb. Weiss thanked the Mayor and the city for this recognition. Weiss also informed the board that he is slowly starting to get the ball rolling on the strategic plan again and hoped to have more information to come soon. Lastly, President Weiss shared that himself, Commissioner Hamm, and Commissioner Hemingway intend to attend the Joan Finely memorial butterfly garden dedication in Everly Park on August 1 with the Macomb Beautiful Association.

**7. Director's report** – Director Lenz further commented on July being proclaimed National Park and Recreation month in Macomb and discussed the initiatives happening with the annual Unplug Macomb campaign; such as the adopt a dog (stuffed animal) in Patton Park and Mural painting in Everly Park. The Park District hosted the first of three “Drive-In” Movie in the Park events on June 26<sup>th</sup> with approximately 150 cars in attendance. Lenz was pleased with the compliance to the distributed guidelines from attendees. The next “drive-in” movies in the park are scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> – Captain Marvel and September 18<sup>th</sup> – Onward.

Lenz announced the parks are open, playgrounds are open, the skate park is open, Lakeview is open, but Ball Fore is not. Ball Fore was undergoing construction, there was a mix up with the specific type of glue for the carpet that was purchased, the company had to order new glue and replacement carpet, and as the material was being shipped the truck drivers went on strike. Now the District is waiting for the proper weather for the carpet to be placed. The staff remain hopeful that Ball Fore will open at some point this season. Hand sanitizer stations still have not arrived that were ordered back in March. These stations are backordered across the nation, but the District is hopeful their order will be fulfilled in the near future.

Director Lenz emailed Commissioners the Infectious Disease Response protocol developed by herself and Superintendent Armstrong. This will be the official protocol should there be resurgence, or a new infectious disease be discovered. Lenz also distributed the Governor's newly released mitigation plan should there be a resurgence in the regions in Illinois; McDonough County is in Region 2.

Lastly, Lenz announced Julie Eggleston has joined the District as the MCSRA Program Supervisor. Julie has previous experience with the MCSRA as the graduate assistant during her time at Western Illinois University. With a wealth of experience and knowledge in therapeutic recreation, she will bring the MCSRA to a new level of quality and opportunity.

**8. Discussion on Everly Trust Memorandum of Understanding, action possible** – Commissioner Hemingway informed the board that the MOU is not finalized as the Trust is still waiting on certain financial and legal information prior to moving forward with this document. Commissioner Hemingway took a moment to give some background information on the Everly Trust and how it has worked in collaboration over the years to fulfill the will and trust of the Everly family. The MOU will serve as a firewall between the District and the Trust to make sure the continue to operate separately and efficiently.

**9. Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items** – Commissioner Hamm asked for an update on the lighting project at Veterans Park at the August meeting.

Commissioner Hemingway shared information about the webinar put on by the IPRA and IAPD focused on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Hemingway stated it was one of the best, more well thought out programs he has had the opportunity to participate in. He informed the board there are two more sessions planned and encouraged commissioners to take the time to participate. Commissioner Weiss requested the recording be forwarded to the commissioners.

6:57 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Hamm, second by Hemingway. The motion passed (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary  
Macomb Park District