

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 08/18/2020

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

6:02 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 July 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 noted that Director Lenz and staff have done an excellent job adjusting expenses as revenues are not coming in. Hamm also informed the board the District received the next tax distribution of 10% allocation at \$134,457. Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the bills and transfers and monthly financial statements. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The July financial statements and August bills were approved on roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

4. Public Comment – None

5. President's report – President Weiss informed the board that Dr. Robinett will be providing the Park District with specific data in regards to the strategic plan this week. Weiss also shared details of a webinar provided by the Illinois Association of Park Districts that discusses the role of board members and development of a strategic plan. Weiss further discussed the newly released strategic plan from the National Recreation and Park Association, giving props to the professionalism and direction shown in the document. President Weiss ended with an encouraging word to all to continue to be diligent in wearing their masks and keeping social distance.

6. Director's report – Director Lenz started with the announcement of the lights going up on the first baseball diamond at Veterans Park. Lenz distributed the McDonough County CEO annual report and gave a brief overview of the year. Lenz also forwarded Commissioners a copy of a resolution she had written as the Chair of the McDonough County Quality of Life Advisory Committee at the request of Western Illinois University President Martin Abraham supporting and encouraging the use of face coverings. Lenz further updated the Board on the progress of Ball Fore Family Entertainment Center, a staff training on Verbal De-escalation and the new infections disease protocol, the success of the last movie in the park, and new tournaments coming to Macomb to utilize the new fields at Veterans Park. Director Lenz finished her report announcing the reveal of the Patton Park Project; a complete renovation of the current facility.

Commissioner Hemingway asked what the chances are that basketball courts were included in the plans as he remembered Commissioner Pettigrew and her advocacy for basketball courts. Commissioner Hamm asked if walking paths were proposed. Lenz confirmed both basketball courts and approximately 1.8 miles of multi use

trails. Lenz stated her intent to meet with each of the commissioners to go through the plan in detail prior to the reveal to the community.

8. Discussion on Everly Trust Memorandum of Understanding, action possible – Commissioner Hemingway reminded the commissioners that a brief outline was discussed at the previous board meeting covering what was hoped to be achieved by the presented memorandum. Hemingway discussed the current agreement that exists with the property lease between the District and the Trust, which was also distributed to commissioners. The MOU offers further clarity of ownership and governance, making clear that the trust is the legal title holder and final authority. The MOU goes into detail the responsibilities of both the Macomb Park District and the Everly Trust. Commissioner Hemingway moved to (1) approve the Everly Trust Memorandum of Understanding and (2) direct the Director to execute MOU with the Everly Trust. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

9. Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items – Commissioner Edwards said he and his family had a great time at the Park District’s Movie Night and said it is a great product for people to come out and enjoy.

Commissioner Hemingway made mention of the newly installed butterfly garden that was installed in Everly Park and thanked the Macomb Beautiful Association for the quality of the installation.

6:53 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Hemingway, second by Gamage. The motion passed (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District