

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 11/15/16

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: John Hemingway, Pat Sowers, Steve Horrell & Russ Hamm

Attorney Joe O'Donnell

Staff Present: Ray Peterson, Rachel Lenz, Chris Frankhauser, Nikki Gray

Media and others: 18

6:00 – President Hemingway declared the meeting open.

2. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Horrell moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).

3. Consideration of and action on the minutes, bills and transfers, and monthly financial statements – Commissioner Sowers moved to approve the minutes of the October 18 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hamm. The motion passed (4 ayes - 0 nays).

President Hemingway asked Treasurer Chris Frankhauser to review and summarize the financial statements and bills and transfers. Frankhauser explained the current status of accounts. He stated that since the October meeting the district has received the final property tax distribution and the new bond proceeds. President Hemingway stated that following a Finance Committee review the committee recommended approval as presented. The bills, transfers and monthly financial statements were approved on roll call vote (4 ayes - 0 nays).

4. Public Comment – None

5. Marjorie Connor Spirit Award 2016 - Special Olympics Coordinator Nikki Gray reviewed some of this year's activities and praised the accomplishments of both participants and volunteers. She thanked the Connor Family for the 15 years of support and the provision of this award in recognition of Marjorie Connor's dedication to the Special Olympics. Gray highlighted the attributes and contributions of the 2016 award winner then announced Donald (Don) Cook as the recipient of the Marjorie Connor Spirit Award for 2016.

The Board of Commissioners took a brief recess to allow an orderly exit of the Connor family and the family and friends Don Cook, as well as media interviews - 6:09

6:12 meeting resumed

6. President's report - Hemingway reported that he had attended the annual IAPD Legal Symposium where a number of new legislations and regulations were reviewed and impact analyzed. He stated that the impact several of the issues will not be fully understood immediately but preparations should be underway to adopt measures to assure implementation. Hemingway has placed documents from the symposium on file with district to allow staff and commissioners to familiarize themselves with the information.

Hemingway explained that he and Commissioner Horrell had met with members of the district staff to review the condition of the Glenwood Pool. They did an on-site tour and examination. As a result McClure engineering has been hired to measure the pool regarding how level the liner to determine if the deteriorating concrete or factors may have affected the pool. Hemingway indicated that with the pending expiration of the current management agreement with city such information is important.

7. Director's report – Peterson reported that he had attended the fall Director's Roundtable held in Pekin that featured significant discussion of effects of various regulatory changes and proposals on both the state and federal level. The continued good weather has allowed the roadways to remain open but will be closed in the event of snow or ice. Barricades have been installed by the contractor at Veterans baseball fields to help protect the new grass from vehicles. Peterson reported that the district has taken control of the new building at Veterans Park even though there remain a couple of minor task to be completed by the contractor. By taking control the district can install permanent locks, complete winterization and other duties. Contractor tasks will likely not be finished until spring.

Peterson reported that the annual Lakeview pumpkin hunt has gone very well again this year. There will be an event at Lakeview on December 4 featuring family activities to include a nature walk, crafts, music and food. For cost saving reasons Lakeview will be shutting down for the months of January and February. Peterson clarified that the park will remain available for visitation but that vehicle access will be restricted and the center will be closed except by appointment during this time. Jeff Huston and his staff combined with Kent Cox and the City to jointly shut down Glenwood Pool in an effort to assure the minimization of damage caused by trapped water over the winter

8. Committee reports – none

9. Enterprise Zone Ordinance 320 - Mayor Inman represented the Macomb Area Industrial Corporation to explain the need for modification to the original ordinance #309. Inman explained that this modification was to clarify the status of properties already effected by the zone but not specified in the ordinance. The change will negate any possible confusion. Following a brief discussion Commissioner Hamm moved to approve Ordinance 320. Commissioner Horrell seconded the motion. The motion passed on roll call (4 ayes - 0 nays).

10. Presentation of preliminary General Fund expense estimates - Peterson explained that he had hoped to be able to provide a more detailed document regard the 2017 budget which is typically provided in December. That was not possible as accurate income/revenue figures are possible to determine until next month. He indicated that this estimate shows minimal to no increases in anticipated expenses project for 2017. Once the anticipated income figures are determined a detailed examination will be implemented to determine if expense figures will be modified.

11. Closed Session 5 ILCS 120/2 sec, 2(c) (1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees - Commissioner Horrell moved to enter into closed session. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed on roll call vote (4 ayes - 0 nays). President Hemingway -stated that there will likely be action by the board following the closed session. 6:39

6:55 On motion from Commissioner Sowers with second by Commissioner Horrell (4 ayes - 0 nays) the meeting was reopened

12. Consideration and action regarding the hiring of the new Executive Director - Commissioner Horrell moved to hire Rachel Lenz as the new Executive Director of the Macomb Park District. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed on roll call vote (4 ayes - 0 nays). Commissioners expressed congratulatory remarks to Lenz. Rachel Lenz replied that she looked forward to continuing the district's long history of serving the community and excited with the new opportunities that will develop.

11. Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items - none

6:59 - Meeting adjourned on motion from Horrell, second by Pettigrew.

Respectfully submitted

Ray Peterson, Secretary
Macomb Park District