

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 12/20/16

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: John Hemingway, Pat Sowers, Valencia Pettigrew, Steve Horrell & Russ Hamm
Attorney Joe O'Donnell
Staff Present: Ray Peterson, Rachel Lenz, Neil Armstrong, Chris Frankhauser, & Andy Harty
Media and others: 3

6:00 – President Hemingway declared the meeting open.

2. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Sowers moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Horrell 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 Hamm moved to approve the November minutes of the Macomb Park District Board of Commissioners regular meeting. Commissioner Horrell seconded the motion. The motion passed (5 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. President Hemingway stated that following a Finance Committee review the committee recommended approval as presented. Commissioner Sowers moved to approve the bills, transfers and monthly financial statements as presented by Treasurer Frankhauser. Commissioner Pettigrew seconded the motion. The bills, transfers and monthly financial statements were approved on roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

4. Public Comment – None

5. President's report – President Hemingway discussed the direction being laid out by Director Designate Lenz. He informed the board of Lenz's goals in degree of priority through the next three to five years. Category one included successor for the Superintendent of Events position, the Glenwood Pool, and solidification of the Foundation. Category two included Everly Park trust, Veteran's Park Lighting, and beginning the search for successor for Grounds Superintendent. Category three included Lakeview Nature Center, finances, and Phase III of Development at Veteran's Park.

6. Director's report – Peterson reported talked about the future of the Park District. He stated the District and the community should be excited for the direction the District is heading and the energy that is stepping in. Peterson said although the district would have challenges ahead they had a lot to look forward to.

Following Director Peterson's report, he and Director Designate Lenz switched seats signifying his last report as Director and her first report, preparing the board for the new year.

7. Resolution 16-4 Honoring Ray Peterson – President Hemingway expressed his regard and appreciation for Director Peterson's dedication and leadership during his many years with the Macomb

Park District. Hemingway then read Resolution 16-4 commemorating Ray Peterson's contributions during his tenure with the district and best wishes for his retirement. Commissioner Horrell moved to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

8. **2nd Director's Report** – Director Designate Lenz informed the board of the upcoming holiday hours for the main office as well as Lakeview's new hours through February 2017. She also discussed the intended timeline for the search for the new Superintendent of events. Lenz stated new changes with the Veteran's Park concessions operations and the new partnership with Julie Hood, owner and operator of Squeeze to Please Lemonade. The District will work with Ms. Hood on a three year contract.

Lenz informed the board of the upcoming family dances happening in 2017; the Mother Son Winter Wonderland Ball, the Daddy Daughter Sweetheart Ball and the Masquerade Ball, intended for families of all types.

9. **Consideration and action on the 2017 Property Tax Levy Ordinance #321** – President Hemingway quickly explained the purpose of the levy and opened the floor for questions or comments on details commissioners may have had. Commissioner Horrell moved to approve Ordinance #321. Commissioner Sowers seconded the motion. The motion passed on roll call vote (5 ayes - 0 nays).

10. **Open Commissioner presentation and discussion of future agenda items** - None

6:42 p.m. Meeting adjourned on motion from Horrell, second by Sowers

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Assistant Secretary
Macomb Park District