

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 2/21/17

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: John Hemingway, Pat Sowers, Steve Horrell, Russ Hamm
Attorney Joe O'Donnell
Staff Present: Rachel Lenz & Chris Frankhauser
Media and others: 1

6:26 – President Hemingway declared the meeting open.

2. **Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Sowers moved for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Horrell 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 for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Ham seconded the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays). Treasurer Hamm updated the board on his progress in learning the financials of the district and the ongoing training he has been undergoing with Business Manager, Chris Frankhauser. Hamm informed the board that he did not see anything that seems like a large variance at this time. Commissioner Hamm moved to approve of the bills and transfers and monthly financial statements. Commissioner Horrell second the motion. The January financial statements and February bills were approved on roll call vote (4 ayes – 0 nays).

4. **Public Comment** – None

5. **President's report** – President Hemingway prefaced that his report would come into play for item number 10.

6. **Director's report** – Director Lenz made mention to the nice weather that had been occurring but asked for everyone's continued patience as it is too early to open the parks and there is still a high probability of another frost before the end of the winter. Director Lenz then told the board about the Daddy Daughter Dance that just took place and the wonderful response from the community through enrollment. She also mentioned Pella supported the event through a financial donation as a way to further solidify the continuation of this family focused event. Director Lenz went on to describe the renovations happening at Lakeview Nature Center under the leadership of Natalie Shelly. Beyond the work Natalie is doing at Lakeview, Lenz stated that she has once again taken the ceramics program to the next level and began offering traveling clay classes as well as birthday parties. Director Lenz stated the search for the next Superintendent is well underway and she hopes the next Superintendent will be with the Park District before March ends.

7. **Committee reports** – N/A

8. **Presentation of Executive Director's goals with possible action** – President Hemingway explained the goals as lined out in the Director's contract and that the Board needed to review them to make sure they are consistent with the direction they would like to see the district go in. Commissioner Horrell moved to acknowledge receipt and approve the director's goals for her first year as pursuant to article 11.B of the contract. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The goals were approved on a roll call vote (4 ayes – 0 nays).

9. **Presentation of draft Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #322** – President Hemingway presented the draft Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #322 to the board. The document had been published the Friday prior to the meeting and would be open to the public for 30 days and be brought back to the board for approval at the March meeting.

10. Report and discussion on Management of Glenwood Pool Intergovernmental Agreement with action possible. – Hemingway reminded the board and those listening that the Park District only manages the pool, they are not the owners of the facility. Hemingway then presented the board with pictures of the facility stating that he has some concerns. A visual inspection was done of the pool by President Hemingway, Director Lenz, Superintendent Houston, and Commissioner Horrell. President Hemingway went through the photos discussing the location of the image and the concern with each.

President Hemingway presented a document of financial data of the Glenwood Pool from 1999 through 2016. He then proceeded to go through the document and what each page contained in relation to the pool's financial data since 1999. Commissioner Horrell brought to the attention of the board that punch cards play an interesting role in the financial data as the cards never expire which could create a curve in the financials reported. Commissioner Horrell also mentioned there are costs that the Park District decided to take on such as swim lessons where they do not charge a break even fee but do it as a service to the community members as it is a lifesaving skill. He followed up with stating if you run a pool in the Midwest you are not going to make money, so it falls to the question of is it worth the cost. Is it worth the expense for an aging pool that is run, on average, for two months of the year. President Hemingway stated the board needed to make a decision as to whether or not the district was going to continue with the current IGA as it is written, with emphasis being made on the infrastructure costs per incident that each entity pays half of up to \$75,000 total as well as the operational loss predicted for the pool as displayed by the financial data. He also encouraged the board as the Director had requested haste on the decision to better plan for the upcoming summer season. Commissioner Sowers raised his concern that he only hears us looking at the current year and that for years he has only heard board members looking at the immediate issue, Sowers continued with saying he has not hear anyone bring attention to the deteriorating pool that exists at the bottom of the Glenwood hill; if the decision is to continue the pool then what are both entities going to do looking toward the future. Commissioner Hamm made a motion to not allow the IGA to automatically roll over and to meet with the city pool and park committee. The motion passed with a roll call vote (4 ayes, 0 nays).

President Hemingway brought attention to the steering committees absence of Jim Bloom and that another board member would need to sit on the committee for these meetings. Commissioner Horrell volunteered his services for the district steering committee. Commissioner Sowers moved to appoint Commissioner Horrell to the Park District steering committee. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote (3 ayes, 1 nays).

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

7:31 pm Meeting adjourned on motion from Horrell, second by Sowers.

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District