

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 3/21/17

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: John Hemingway, Pat Sowers, Valencia Pettigrew, Russ Hamm

Attorney: N/A

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz, Chris Frankhauser, Megan Hoenig, & Natalie Shelly

Media and others: 2

6:00 – President Hemingway declared the meeting open.

2. **Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Sowers moved for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Hamm seconded the motion. The motion passed (3 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 Hamm seconded the motion. The motion passed (3 ayes – 0 nays).

Commissioner Pettigrew entered at 6:03

Treasurer Hamm updated the board on his progress in learning the financials of the district. Hamm pointed out the variance in the Park Improvement line that has come from ongoing improvements at Veterans Park. Hamm mentioned that through his discussion with Business Manager, Chris Frankhauser, it would be addressed for future meetings to make the budget solvent for the remainder of the year. Commissioner Hamm moved to approve of the bills and transfers and monthly financial statements. Commissioner Sowers second the motion. The February financial statements and March bills were approved on roll call vote (4 ayes – 0 nays).

4. **Public Comment** – None

5. **President's report** – President Hemingway discussed his and Commissioner Hamm's participation for the candidate's forum with the League of Women Voters. Hemingway informed the board that he and Commissioner Horrell met with city representatives to have candid discussion of the pool. A site inspection had been scheduled and completed with Benton & Associates for the structural integrity of the Glenwood Pool. A report will be submitted by Benton & Associates as soon as possible. Commissioner Pettigrew asked if a contingency plan was in place if the pool were found to be structurally unsafe. Director Lenz shared preliminary ideas that had been discussed but informed her that nothing had been moved upon as of yet.

6. **Director's report** – Director Lenz informed the board the parks will all be opened April 1st. Ball Fore's driving range will be opening April 1st on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 until noon. The full facility will be open on April 15th, Thursday through Sunday 3:00 – 10:00. Lenz also informed the board that she is extending the Park District's reach through membership of local clubs such as Rotary, the McDonough County Quality of Life Council, and a new Arts Coalition initiative. Lenz is in the process of completing her CPRP training. Neil Armstrong, district security coordinator, is also taking on training through a wilderness first responder recertification course at Horn Field Campus.

Lenz will also be participating in the WIU Professional Development Conference as a presenter to further engage in the mentorship initiatives the Park District strives to be a part of. Director Lenz also announced registration is open for the annual Foos for Families human foosball tournament. That tournament will be taking place at Veterans Park on April 30th and is in conjunction with a WIU Recreation, Park and Tourism Administration class under the

leadership of Jeremy Robinett and The Center for Youth & Family Solutions, under the leadership of Carrie Depoy. Lenz announced that the Superintendent of Events had been hired and that she would be introducing the new hire at the April Board meeting. Lastly, Lenz informed the board of a fundraiser happening for the McDonough County Special Recreation Association on April 12th.

7. Committee reports – N/A

8. Public Hearing regarding the Budget & Appropriations Ordinance #322 – President Hemingway entertained a motion to open the floor to public hearing. Commissioner Hamm motioned and Commissioner Sowers second. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays). After no comment were made Commissioner Sowers motioned to close the floor. Commissioner Pettigrew second. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays).

9. Consideration and possible action regarding the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #322 – President Hemingway read Ordinance #322 into the record. Commissioner Hamm motioned to approve Ordinance #322. Commissioner Sowers second. The motion passed by a roll call vote (4 ayes – 0 nays)

10. Presentation of Lakeview Nature Center developments by Natalie Shelly. – Director Lenz introduced Natalie Shelly to discuss the changes that have come to Lakeview Nature Center. Shelly discussed the structural changes that have come to the Center and the revitalization her and a team of Park District employees have developed. Shelly also discussed the new programming initiatives being created for the Center. She hopes the Center will be ready for a soft opening by the end of May.

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

6:37 pm Meeting adjourned on motion from Pettigrew, second by Hamm.

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District