

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 04/16/19

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Philip Weiss, John Hemingway, Valencia Pettigrew, & Russ Hamm

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz & Jessica Stephens

Media and others: 9

6:00 p.m. –President Weiss declared the meeting open.

**2. Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Hamm moved for approval of the agenda.

Commissioner Pettigrew 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 Hemingway moved for approval of the regularly scheduled March meeting minutes. Commissioner Pettigrew second the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays). Treasurer Hamm a summary of the consolidated fund ending in March and each of the general fund account balances. Commissioner Hemingway moved to approve of the bills and transfers and monthly financial statements. Commissioner Pettigrew second the motion. The March financial statements and April bills were approved on roll call vote (4 ayes – 0 nays).

**4. Public Comment** – None

**5. President’s report** – N/A

**6. Director’s report** – Director Lenz informed the board that the District is all a buzz with the multitude of happenings coinciding with the sunshine. The second installation of the tree planting from the Community Forestry Grant the District was awarded back in October will be taking place tomorrow at Veterans Park. Youth Leagues are full steam ahead, Adult League is getting ready to start up again. People will see new dog signs on each of the diamonds to remind those who allow their dogs inside the diamonds that these spaces are for youth sports, they are not dog parks. Director Lenz asked the public that as they continue to see developments in the parks, such as freshly laid concrete, to please respect the work and funding that the District is putting into the furtherment of Macomb’s green spaces and leave those developments be.

A multitude of programs are on the horizon including Lakeview Prairie Egg Hunt April 20, Birds and Blooms April 27<sup>th</sup>, Nature Workshop May 11, Lakeview Photoshop May 10, Friends Trivia May 3, and Ceramics Workshop May 4<sup>th</sup>. Ball Fore opens May 4<sup>th</sup> in a Star Wars themed opening for May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you.

**7. McDonough County Special Recreation Associate update – Jessica Stephens** – Jess

Stephens, Supervisor of the MCSRA, gave the board a brief update on the programs and initiatives happening in the MCSRA. Their has been a steady increase in attendance for

programming. Examples of programs are ceramics class with Natalie Shelly at the Macomb Park District, Cooking classes with Emily Shupp and her dietetics students at WIU, Special Olympics Track & Field, Special Olympics Boccee, Bingo Night at City Hall, Spring Fling at Lakeview Nature Center, Splish Splash at the McDonough County YMCA, and Starved Rock trip. The MCSRA will host summer camp again starting in June and running through August. Supervisor Stephens took an opportunity to thank Buffalo Wild Wings for hosting a fundraiser for the organization recently as well as Hy-Vee in Macomb as they are currently hosting a fundraiser in the form of a coupon booklet.

**8. Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items – N/A**

6:36 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Hemingway, second by Pettigrew. The motion passed (4 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary  
Macomb Park District