

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 05/21/19

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Philip Weiss, John Hemingway & Russ Hamm

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz & Chris Frankhauser

Media and others: 2

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

**2. Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Hamm moved for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Hemingway 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 Hemingway moved for approval of the April meeting minutes. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The motion passed (3 ayes – 0 nays). Treasurer Hamm gave a summary of the consolidated fund and each of the general fund account balances. Commissioner Hemingway moved to approve of the bills and transfers and monthly financial statements. Commissioner Hamm second the motion. The April financial statements and May bills were approved on roll call vote (3 ayes – 0 nays).

**4. Public Comment** – None

**5. Oath of Office for Commissioners elected in 2019** – President Weiss took a moment to say thank you to Commissioner Pettigrew for her time on the board and service to the community. Secretary Lenz informed the board that Stirling Edwards was sworn in earlier that week and as soon as Jason York is able he will be sworn in as well. Lenz then initiated the oath of office with Commissioner Philip Weiss, swearing him in for another term.

**6. Presentation and review of the 2018 annual audit - Gregg Butler with discussion and action possible** – Gregg distributed a five year analysis in addition to the annual financial report to each of the commissioners. Gregg highlighted multiple pages in the report showcasing how the Park District managed individual fund accounts last year. Commissioner Hamm moved to approve the 2018 annual audit. Commissioner Hemingway second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (3 ayes – 0 nays).

**7. President's report** – President Weiss shared about his experience attending the Illinois Association of Park District's Legislative Conference. He appreciate the experience and the opportunity to engage with other board members from surrounding districts. Commissioner Weiss is also looking forward to attending the IAPD Boot Camp in Washington June 8. Lastly, he reminded commissioners that nomination and elections of officers will be at the June meeting as well as discussion of a date for the Board retreat.

**8. Director's report** – Director Lenz informed the board that 30 additional trees had been planted in Veterans Park thanks to the volunteer effort of members of Rotary and students from WIU. Friends Trivia was a huge success and Lenz thanked the Forum and their staff for their continued support of these events. The spring rains have kept the District from certain areas of spring preparations of parks. She asked that everyone be patient as the Maintenance staff have been working hard at maintaining as much of the grounds as possible. Lakeview Nature Center has new interpretive signs installed around the trails in the prairie, just in time for National Trails Day happening June 1<sup>st</sup>. Lenz continued with other programs and events coming up this June such as Studio Passport in Clay starting June 3, Wheel Throwing June 5, The MILL in Patton Park on June 6, Nature Narrative June 12, Randolph St. Rendezvous with the Lucky Pickers June 13, After Glow Party June 15, and Movie in the Park: Space Jam on June 21.

Lenz also informed the board that the overhead netting out at the Veterans Park softball complex is almost completed. Netting was being installed when staff realized the company had sent us the wrong cuts of netting. The netting has been returned for correction and will be installed once it is returned to the District. Lenz applauded the staff in their efforts to keep spending minimal until the District receives the first tax distribution as the budget is getting increasingly tighter as the District presses on into the busier season of the year. Lastly, Lenz informed the board that Taylor Hanneman, the current Superintendent of Events, has found a new job closer to home and would be leaving the District the coming Friday. Lenz thanked Taylor for the amazing work she completed through her time with the District and wished her well in her new position.

**9. Report from attendees of IAPD Legislative Conference** – Commissioner Hemingway gave a brief overview of what the Legislative Conference is in place for and went on to say this year he was particularly keen to attend because of the political changes that occurred in Springfield. He listened to the legislative panel and noticed an attitude of willingness to look for solutions to struggles Illinois is experiencing a little more cooperative at the capital. He attended other breakout sessions on research and advocacy that went through discussions on statewide research that had taken place.

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

6:47 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Hemingway, second by Hamm. The motion passed (3 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary  
Macomb Park District