

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 06/18/19

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Philip Weiss, John Hemingway, Russ Hamm, Stirling Edwards, & Jason York

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz

Attorney: Joe O'Donnell

Media and others: 2

6:01 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 (5 ayes – 0 nays).

3. Consideration of and action on the minutes, bills and transfers, and monthly financial statements – Commissioner Hamm moved for approval of the May meeting minutes. Commissioner York second the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays). Treasurer Hamm gave an overview of the difference between the consolidated fund and the general fund for new commissioners. Commissioner Hamm then went into account summaries of both the consolidated fund and each of the general fund account balances. Commissioner York moved to approve of the bills and transfers and monthly financial statements. Commissioner Edwards second the motion. The May financial statements and June bills were approved on roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

4. Public Comment – None

5. Election of Officers –

President: Philip Weiss

- Nominated by: Commissioner Hemingway, second by Commissioner Edwards
- Motion to elect: Hemingway, second Hamm. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays)

Vice President: John Hemingway

- Nominated by: Edwards, second by York
- Motion to elect: Hamm, second Weiss. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain)

Treasurer: Russell Hamm

- Nominated by: Edwards, second by Hemingway
- Motion to elect: Hemingway, second Weiss. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain)

Secretary: Rachel Lenz

- Nominated by: Weiss, second by Hamm
- Motion to elect: York, second Hamm. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays)

Assistant Treasurer: Philip Weiss

- Nominated by: Hemingway, second by York
- Motion to elect: Hemingway, second Hamm. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain)

Assistant Secretary: Jason York

- Nominated by: Hamm, second by Hemingway
- Motion to elect: Hamm, second Hemingway. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays – 1 abstain)

6. President's report – President Weiss shared about his experience attending the Illinois Association of Park District's Boot Camp in Washington, Illinois. The Boot Camp was a training on governance, boardmanship, ethics, open meeting act, etc. Commissioner Weiss shared the folder of information he acquired at the training and encouraged Commissioners who were interested to look through it for more detailed information. Weiss also attended the Randolph St. Rendezvous featuring the band The Lucky Pickers out of Chicago. He said it was a beautiful night with great food and encouraged other commissioners to attend the next one in August.

7. Director's report – Director Lenz informed the board that a representative of the Illinois Park & Recreation Association (IPRA) reached out to her and asked her, on behalf of IPRA Executive Director Debbie Trueblood, to be a panelist for the Executive Director Round Table session at the 2020 IPRA/IAPD Soaring to New Heights Conference in downtown Chicago. Lenz updated the board on the current search for the new Superintendent of Events. The search is taking longer than anticipated as over 50 applications were received. Lenz has worked through the applications to get it down to five finalists and will be interviewing those candidates over the next week and hopes to be able to make an announcement at the July meeting. Next Lenz discussed the upcoming activities on the horizon with Heritage Days. The District will have a booth, inflatable mini golf, a spot in the parade, and more games throughout the festivities.

Lenz informed the board of the recent CATS softball tournament where they had 33 teams. The tournament was a huge success and the president of CATS emailed thanking Jeff and his team for providing such a high quality experience. Randolph St Rendezvous took place the Thursday prior, Lenz gave a shout out to the summer part time staff for all the help they provided to her in setting up and running the event. Approximately 120 people were in attendance at this event. A new initiative called #ForMacomb has popped up and the Park District has been invited to be a cornerstone partner in the collaboration. Essentially the initiative is a community project day.

Other updates Lenz covered were her attendance to an internship training program in the quad cities, facility improvements to Ball Fore by Neil Armstrong, and the upcoming programs for July (Little Lunchers, Lakeview Photo Walk, Space Jam, Afterglow Party at Ball Fore, Ceramics Workshop: Welcome Signs, Nature's Fireworks, The MILL: Veterans Park, and Unplug Macomb).

8. Discussion and Possible action on date of Board Retreat – President Weiss opened discussion for a potential date for the Board Retreat in August. Director Lenz gave a brief overview of what would be discussed at the retreat with estimated time for the retreat being approximately 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The board decided by consensus to host the retreat on August 10th with August 17th as a backup date.

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

6:50 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Edwards, second by York. The motion passed (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary
Macomb Park District