

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 9/18/18

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: John Hemingway, Valencia Pettigrew, Russ Hamm, & Philip Weiss  
Attorney Joe O'Donnell  
Staff Present: Rachel Lenz  
Media and others: 3

6:05 –President Hemingway declared the meeting open.

**2. Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Hamm moved for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Weiss 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 Hamm moved for approval of the minutes. Commissioner Pettigrew second the motion. The motion passed (4 ayes – 0 nays). Treasurer Hamm gave an overview of the current funds and stated the budget is in line with the years projections. Treasurer Hamm did mention that personnel expenses were \$17,000 over were we predicted year to date. Director Lenz explained Superintendent Hoyt was not aware of the project tracking sheet that he needed to fill out for project expenses, which come out of a different account. Hamm also informed the board that the District has received the third tax distribution. Commissioner Weiss moved to approve of the bills and transfers and monthly financial statements. Commissioner Pettigrew second the motion. The August financial statements and September bills were approved on roll call vote (4 ayes – 0 nays).

**4. Public Comment** – None

**5. President's report** – President Hemingway briefed the commissioners on the re-election process. Hemingway discussed the election packets with specific attention to petitions, deadlines, and filing the packets with the Secretary of the Board. Packets can be turned in at 8:00 on the first day of filing and whoever shows up first will appear first on the ballot. President Hemingway stated that all of this applies to the general public for those who would wish to run as well.

**6. Director's report** – Director Lenz reported that the District had successfully made it through the extensive events season and that staff were starting to have time to breathe again. Lenz gave an overview of the events that occurred through August and the first week of September such as Flatland Summer Jam, Charity Wins, Celebrity Bar Tending fundraiser for Push 4 Parks, and Sunday Fundays at Veterans RC Raceway. Lenz also informed the board of the events coming up such as the final Movie in the Park, the Macomb YFC Open PDGA Disc Golf Tournament, ceramics family workshop, Lakeview Nature Workshop, a new event to Lakeview Nature Center, Moonlight Meander, and the Zombie Apocalypse Macomb (ZAM).

The Park District is partnering with the City of Macomb for a Community Forestry Grant. The District's graduate students have taken the lead on this grant, which is due October 1. The trees, if awarded, would be focused at Veterans Park as it does not have any trees within the vicinity of the facility.

**7. Conduct a public hearing for the issuance of general obligation park bonds for park purposes.** – President Hemingway declared the public meeting open at 6:40 p.m. No public comments were made. Commissioner Hamm motioned to close the hearing, Commissioner Weiss second. The motion passed on a roll call vote (4 ayes, 0 nays).

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

6:45 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Hamm, second by Pettigrew. The motion passed (4 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary  
Macomb Park District