

MACOMB PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING 10/19/2021

MINUTES:

Commissioners present: Phil Weiss, Stirling Edwards, Russ Hamm, Emily Gamage, & Molly Selders

Attorney: N/A

Staff Present: Rachel Lenz

Media and others: 16

1. 6:00 p.m. – President Weiss declared the meeting open.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Edwards moved for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Hamm seconded the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays).
3. **Consideration of and action on the regularly scheduled September meeting minutes and, bills and transfers, and monthly financial statements** – Commissioner Gamage moved to approve the regularly scheduled September meeting minutes. Commissioner Edwards second the motion. The motion passed (5 ayes – 0 nays).

Treasurer Hamm gave a brief overview of the September balances for the consolidated fund and each of the general fund accounts. Hamm informed the board the District received the 4<sup>th</sup> tax distribution on 9/21/21 of \$380,504.82 which leaves approximately 10% of the full distribution remaining. Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the bills and transfers and monthly financial statements. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The September financial statements and October bills were approved on roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).

4. **Public Comment** – None
5. **Presentation of the Marjorie Conner Spirit Award** – President Weiss welcomed Julie Eggleston to give the presentation. Eggleston informed the board that this sought after award began in 2002 and shared the history of how this award, in memory of Marjorie Conner, came to be. Eggleston announced that the 2021 Marjorie Conner Spirit Award went to Mr. Marshall Woodside. Mr. Woodside was presented with a plaque and a Marjorie Award jacket. Mr. Woodside's name will also be engraved on a plaque with previous award winners kept in the MCSRA office.

*\* 6:09 President Weiss took the meeting to a five minute recess for pictures*

*\*6:16 President Weiss reopened the meeting*

6. **Conduct a public hearing for the issuance of park bonds for park purposes, for the payment of outstanding obligations of the District and for the payment of expenses incident thereto** – At 6:16, President Weiss declared the public hearing open. Weiss noted that no one was in attendance for public hearing. Commissioner Hamm moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Gamage second the motion. The public hearing closed at 6:17 on a roll call vote (5 ayes – 0 nays).
7. **President's report** – Weiss reminded the board that last month David Pistorius attended the meeting to go through the bond process and additional savings available to the park district through advanced financing of outstanding debt certificates. With two of the Commissioners absent from that meeting Weiss briefly explained the general overview to keep everyone informed.

8. **Director's report** – Director Lenz informed the board she had the opportunity to attend the annual Town & Gown event where the Park District walked away with not one, but two Rocky Dogs thanks to the generous donation of Dan & Linda O'Neill. They donated their rocky to be placed outside the dog park. Lenz announced the paperwork is signed and Citizens Plaza is officially under the umbrella of the Macomb Park District. Thanks to Citizens Bank for entrusting that property to the Park District.

Lenz updated the board on the Push 4 Parks Partners and the current campaigns:

- Free Range Yoga is the October Push 4 Parks Partner selling raffle tickets for multiple prizes now through October 23<sup>rd</sup>; all proceeds will directly benefit the Patton Park Project
- Arnold Brothers will be our November partner

The Lakeview StoryWalk® had a grand opening on October 5<sup>th</sup> with a ribbon cutting through the Chamber. Thanks to the Illinois Arts Council Agency for the financial support to make this amenity a reality. Lenz also updated the board on the progress at Patton. Installation of the restroom building should begin in the next couple of weeks as well as tree plantings. Lenz and Hoyt will meet with Bohem's Nursery on Friday to discuss Meditative Garden as well as the vegetative barrier that will go along Grant St. Lastly, work will begin on the tree inventory the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>.

9. **Consideration and possible action on Campfire Concepts strategic plan proposal** – Weiss said the new proposal that was distributed is much more elaborate than the previous proposal the board had voted on. There are two sections, Brand audit & guidelines, that Weiss did not deem necessary as the District is fortunate enough to have a talented graphic designer on staff who has done a phenomenal job developing the District's marketing. Commissioner Hamm asked when was the last time the District went through this process. Lenz said the District has not done a strategic or comprehensive plan since 2003. The total cost in the proposal is \$29,000. If the board opted out of the brand audit and guideline sections the total cost would come to \$26,050. Commissioner Hamm moved to approve the proposal excluding the brand audit and brand style guide; total cost \$26,050. Commissioner Selders second the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote (5 ayes, 0 nays).
10. **Distribution and discussion of Executive Director's Annual Review packet** – Lenz went through each of the goals with what was accomplished in relation to each goal (copies of the report are available upon request at the Macomb Park District.) Weiss told Commissioners to look through what Lenz provided and reach out to her with any further questions before the November meeting as that is when the board would be voting on it.
11. **Discussion and possible action on naming an official delegate for the IAPD Business Meeting** – President Weiss reminded the board that last year they voted to name Commissioner Gamage the delegate for two years in hopes that she would be able to attend the conference in person in 2022 as it was virtual this year. Commissioner Gamage stated she was unsure of her availability and would have to get back to the board. Weiss let Commissioner Selders know, if Gamage was unable to attend, she would be next in line to attend. Commissioner Selders said this would be an exceptionally difficult year for her but that it sounds fabulous and she would also need to check to see how feasible that would be for this year. President Weiss tabled this item until the November meeting.
12. **Open Commissioner Presentation and discussion of future agenda items** –

6:56 PM Meeting adjourned on motion from Gamage, second by Edwards. The motion passed (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted

Rachel Lenz, Secretary  
Macomb Park District