

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 7, 2008**

Commissioner Bucci began the meeting at 12 Noon held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance:

Dino F. Bucci Jr., President
Betty Slinde, Vice President
William J. Revoir, Secretary
Phillip A. DiMaria, Sergeant-At-Arms, excused
Anthony Lipinski
Timothy M. Malone
Robert M. Sawicki
Marvin Sauger excused
Gene Schabath
Ruth Stevenson
Bill Peterson

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, David Humbyrd, Sharon Quinn, Parks & Recreation; and
Jim Meyerand, Corporation Counsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion by Commissioner Slinde, supported by Commissioner Peterson was made to add agenda item 9B. Executive Session to Discuss Litigation under New Business. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fran Parker of Sterling Heights congratulated the Board on the outcome of the County's litigation. Ms. Parker also made comments to the number of Park meetings, asked if negotiations would be done on utilities and plans for 4th of July fireworks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2008 was made by Commissioner Revoir, supported by Commissioner Stevenson. Motion carried.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Casasanta reported line item reductions have been completed and the budget is in good shape.

A motion to approve the budget as reported by the Park Administrator was made by Commissioner Revoir, supported by Commissioner Sawicki. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Casasanta referenced correspondence sent in the Commission packets.

A motion to receive and file correspondence as submitted was made by Commissioner Peterson, supported by Commissioner Slinde. Motion carried.

Commissioner Slinde asked Mr. Casasanta if he received any information from Hillside regarding their scheduled events. Mr. Casasanta stated he was in receipt of some information and would send it to the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

Vietnam Veterans of America

Mr. Casasanta recommended approving the request from the Vietnam Veterans of America for free parking to all veterans for the 4th of July picnic.

Discussion ensued about handling fireworks.

President Bucci directed Mr. Casasanta to send correspondence to the City of Sterling Heights concerning fireworks.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Irish Festival

A motion by Commissioner Peterson supported by Commissioner Stevenson was made to approve the Irish Festival as recommended by the Park Administrator. Motion carried.

B. Executive Session

A motion by Commissioner Slinde, supported by Commissioner Stevenson was made to go into Closed Session to discuss attorney/client privileged information.

Roll Call Vote: Yes No

Bucci	x
Slinde	x
Revoir	x
DiMaria	absent
Sauger	absent
Lipinski	x
Malone	x
Schabath	x
Peterson	x
Sawicki	x
Stevenson	x

Total 9 0

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Motion to go into Closed Session carried.

The Commission went into Closed Session at 12:25 p.m.

The Regular Meeting convened at 1:10 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Peterson, supported by Commissioner Sawicki to keep parking rates for events the same as last year and send correspondence to Hillside Productions for their input and response by May 17, 2008. Motion carried.

OTHER

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the Parks Commission meeting was made by Commissioner Slinde, supported by Commissioner Revoir . Motion carried.

President Bucci adjourned the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 1:12 p.m.

Sincerely,

William J. Revoir, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

WJR/sq