

**METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**

104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois

**Tuesday, February 14, 2023**

**I. Call to Order** President Achenbach called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**II. Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum**

Present                      Mark Achenbach, Madison County  
                                      Jerry Kane, Madison County  
                                      Linda Wheaton, Madison County  
                                      Paul Evans, St. Clair County  
                                      Randy Randolph, St. Clair County

                                      Bryan Werner, Executive Director  
                                      Cole Preston, Grant Coordinator  
                                      Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant  
                                      Edward J. Szewczyk, Attorney

Absent                         Frank Bergman, St. Clair County

**III. Public Discussion and/or Comment** No public discussion or comments heard.

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Director Wheaton made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2023, meeting as presented.**

Roll Call Vote  
Mark Achenbach Aye                      Jerry Kane Aye                      Linda Wheaton Aye  
Frank Bergman Absent                      Paul Evans Aye                      Randy Randolph Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

**V. Consent Agenda**

**Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Wheaton to approve the consent agenda items A-E as presented on pages 4-25.**

Roll Call Vote  
Mark Achenbach Aye                      Jerry Kane Aye                      Linda Wheaton Aye  
Frank Bergman Absent                      Paul Evans Aye                      Randy Randolph Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

**VI. Finance**

**a) Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the MEPRD payments and claims January 2023 as presented on pages 26-30 and MMMP payments and claims for January 2023 as presented on pages 31-32.**

Roll Call Vote  
Mark Achenbach Aye                      Jerry Kane Aye                      Linda Wheaton Aye  
Frank Bergman Absent                      Paul Evans Aye                      Randy Randolph Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

**VII. Executive Director’s Report**

Executive Director Werner provided an overview of the document titled: Completed Tasks and Strategic Planning Guide. The report covers past, current, and future tasks, goals, and objectives.

**VIII. Old Business**

**a) Fundraising efforts at MMMP.**

Executive Director Werner provided an update on the fundraising efforts at MMMP. Director Werner said the Gateway Center of Metropolitan St. Louis had recently hosted a board meeting at Malcolm W. Martin Memorial Park where they discussed a potential fundraising partnership with MEPRD. The Gateway Center created a committee to study the concept in more detail. Director Werner said that he would communicate with that committee in the coming weeks and report back to the MEPRD Board during the March meeting.

**IX. New Business**

Grant Coordinator Cole Preston provided an overview of new business items A through D.

- a) FY23 Event Sponsorship Grant Request from the Illinois Center for Autism in the amount of \$1,000.00 for their *Pedal for Autism (2023)* event scheduled for August 19, 2023.**
- b) FY15 Park & Trail Grant Conditional Closeout and Reimbursement Request from the City of Highland in the amount of \$103,395.66 for their completed project titled: “Sharpshooters Trail.”**
- c) FY21 Park & Trail Grant Reimbursement Request from MCT in the amount of \$300,000.00 for their completed project titled: “MCT IT Beltline Trail, Phase 1.”**
- d) Resolution 23-04: CP23 Community Planning Grant Request from the City of Venice in the amount of \$28,893.00 for the project titled: “Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan.”**

**Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve by omnibus vote new business items A through D as presented.**

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Frank Bergman	Absent	Paul Evans	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

- e) Report from Edward J. Szewczyk, MEPRD Attorney. No report.**

**X. Adjournment**

**At 12:25 p.m. President Achenbach asked to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye on a voice vote and the meeting adjourned.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Rene’ St. Peters, Administrative Assistant**