

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Tuesday, October 14, 2008

I. Call to Order President Gene Peters called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II Attendance Roll call

Present were: Harold Byers, Madison County
Gene Peters, Madison County
Paul Evans, St. Clair County
Pamela Hogan, St. Clair County
Earl McDowell, St. Clair County

Mike Buehlhorn, Executive Director
Bryan Werner, Planner
Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant

Bill Baudendistel, Juneau Associates
Paul Homann, TWM, Inc.

Absent were: Jerry Kane, Madison County
Ed Szewczyk, Attorney

III. Approval of Minutes

a) Director McDowell made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2008 regular meeting as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye
Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

IV. Consent Agenda

Director Hogan made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the consent agenda items a thru d as presented on pages 5-27.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye
Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

V. Finance

a) Director Hogan made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the payments and claims for September 2008 MEPRD as set forth on pages 28-33.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye
Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

b) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to approve the payments and claims for September 2008 MMMP as set forth on pages 34-36.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye
Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

c) Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the transfer of \$450,000.00 from the Illinois Money Market account to the Bank of Edwardsville money market checking account for District operational purposes.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye
Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the transfer of \$50,000.00 from the Illinois Funds prime interest account to the Bank of Edwardsville money market checking account for MMMP operational purposes.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye
Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

VI. Executive Director's Staff Report

Executive Director Buehlhorn added to his report that he has TWM working on two contracts; one to get the OSLAD II grant paperwork together, and the second one is to get an estimate for a corridor from the McKinley Bridge down to Cahokia.

VII. Old Business

No old business to discuss.

VIII. New Business

a) Resolution 08-17 Re: Highland Acquisition Grant

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Byers to approve Resolution 08-17 to rescind an acquisition grant to the City of Highland from the 2004 Special Grant Cycle.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye
Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

b) Resolution 08-18 Re: FY09 Trail Partnership Grant Award

Executive Director Buehlhorn discussed the previously approved Federal Grant Program for new trails. Both MCT and St. Clair County Transit have expressed interest and have asked to be considered for grants. Executive Director Buehlhorn recommends that we proceed with the application from MCT for the Nickel Plate Trailhead and Bicycle Trail Crossing in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00.

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to approve Resolution 08-18 to authorize the expenditure of funds in reference to the Metro East Park and Recreation District FY09 Bike Trail Partnership Federal Grant Matching Program.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye
Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

c) City of O'Fallon Reimbursement Request

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Byers to approve Planner Bryan Werner's recommendation to reimburse the City of O'Fallon a total of \$100,000.00 for completion of their project titled: O'Fallon Family Sports Park Trail as part of the FY07 Project Partnership Program.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye
Jerry Kane	Absent	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

d) Report from District Engineers

Engineer Bill Baudendistel discussed the cost share program with the Corp of Engineers for funding on the Eagles Points Trail and understands that this option is no longer available for funding on this project. Project construction should start in the late spring.

Engineer Paul Homann discussed the Geyser lighting and said they are waiting on the drawings and getting the signed contract documents, once received the project will begin.

IX. Public Discussion and/or Comment

Executive Director Buehlhorn invited all the board members to attend the ribbon cutting on the Quercus Grove Trail Extension at 11:00 a.m. on October 24th.

X. Adjournment

At 7:54 p.m. President Peters asked to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Director Hogan, seconded by Director Evans to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

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

Next MEPRD meeting will be held on November 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.