

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Tuesday, January 12, 2010

I. Call to Order President Paul Evans called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

II Attendance Roll call

Present were: Jerry Kane, 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
 Heather James, Intern

 Paul Homann, TWM, Inc.
 Bill Baudendistel, Juneau Associates
 John Papa, Attorney

Absent were: Harold Byers, Madison County

III. Approval of Minutes

a) Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2009 regular meeting.

Voice Vote All Ayes Motion Carried

IV. Consent Agenda

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to approve the consent agenda items a thru d as presented on pages 5-29, along with an updated Illinois Fund statement; which was handed out to all in attendance.

Voice Vote All Ayes Motion Carried

V. Finance

a) Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the payments and claims for December 2009 MEPRD on pages 30-36.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

b) Director Hogan made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the payments and claims for December 2009 MMMP as presented on pages 37-40.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

c) Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to maintain a balance of \$100,000.00 in the Illinois Funds account and transfer any funds that exceed that amount to the district money market account to achieve a higher rate of interest.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

VI. Executive Director's Staff Report

Report accepted as presented.

VII. Old Business

a) Long Range Plan Update

Planner Bryan Werner presented the Board members with a questionnaire to be returned by January 22. He is trying to compile a list of all the Board members opinions and ideas in order to assist with the upcoming strategic plan update process.

b) National Park Service Expansion Update

This was discussed in the Executive Directors report

c) Executive Session Release

Item discussed after Executive Session

VIII. New Business

a) Resolution 10-01 Re: IDNR Bike way Grant Participation

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to accept the Executive Director's recommendation to adopt Resolution 10-01; authorizing the filing of Illinois Bike Path Grant application with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Absent	Paul Evans	Aye
Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Aye

Gene Peters Aye Earl McDowell Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

b) Resolution 10-02 Re: IDNR OSLAD Participation

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to accept the Executive Director's recommendation to adopt Resolution 10-02; supporting the application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) for the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Program (OSLAD).

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

c) Reimbursement Request: City of Madison

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve Planner Bryan Werner's recommendation to reimburse the City of Madison a total of \$200,000.00 for completion of their project titled: Chouteau Island Trail Connection Improvements.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

d) Report from District Engineers

Engineer Paul Homann handed out binders, to all in attendance regarding the corridor studies. Board members have been asked to review the data/information and a discussion will be held at the February 2010 board meeting.

Engineer Bill Baudendistel stated that due to the weather the Eagle Points Trail project remains idle and as far as the Confluence Trail, all the documentation is turned in and he is just waiting for a response from Ameren.

IX. Public Discussion and/or Comment

Executive Director Buehlhorn invited the Board members to attend the Eagle Days event.

X. Executive Session

Executive Session for review of previous Executive Session minutes as provided under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) in the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

At 7:51 p.m. Director Hogan made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to enter into Executive Session for review of previous Executive Session minutes as provided under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) in the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

At 8:08 p.m. back into regular session.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

Item VII C: Executive Session Release

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the Executive Director recommendation to release the approved and specified Executive Session minutes.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

XI. Adjournment

At 8:10 p.m. President Evans asked to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Director McDowell, seconded by Director Hogan to adjourn 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 February 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.