

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Tuesday, November 11, 2008

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

II Attendance Roll call

Present were: Jerry Kane, Madison County
Gene Peters, Madison County
Paul Evans, St. Clair County
Earl McDowell, St. Clair County

Mike Buehlhorn, Executive Director
Bryan Werner, Planner

Bill Baudendistel, Juneau Associates
Paul Homann, TWM, Inc.
Ed Szewczyk, Attorney

Absent were: Pamela Hogan, St. Clair County
Harold Byers, Madison County
Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant

III. Approval of Minutes

a) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2008 regular meeting as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

IV. Consent Agenda

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

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

V. Finance

a) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the payments and claims for September 2008 MEPRD as set forth on pages 28-32.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

b) Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the payments and claims for October 2008 MMMP as set forth on pages 33-34.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

c) Director McDowell made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the transfer of \$200,000.00 from the Illinois Money Market account to the Bank of Edwardsville money market checking account for District operational purposes.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell 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	Absent	Paul Evans	Aye
Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Absent
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

VI. Executive Director's Staff Report

Executive Director Buehlhorn stated that if the weather holds the parking lot will be poured on Wednesday and Thursday and then come back on Friday or Monday to finish the circle portion. The railing is almost complete, just waiting on some transition pieces. The park lighting is almost completed except for five poles and then the lighted hand rail will be installed. Irrigation and grading is almost completed. Director Evans asked about a finished date for the overlook and Executive Director Buehlhorn stated 2009. Executive Director Buehlhorn is concerned with clean up issues and the weather. Director Evans asked if the major construction will be done this year, and was told yes.

Planner Bryan Werner mentioned that we are waiting for a response from Halverson for the McKinley Bridge Rampdown project. Engineer Bill Baudendistel stated that he had spoken to Adam and they

were waiting on Mason Landscaping. Also Bryan said there had been a meeting to discuss the first draft of the Ameren License Agreement for the Ameren Connector Trail.

Finally, Lewis and Clark Community College has indicated that their project on the Campus in Godfrey is complete and a request for reimbursement should come next month.

VII. Old Business

No old business to discuss.

VIII. New Business

Paul Evans excused himself from meeting.

a) Request from Trailnet for Eagle Days donation

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to authorize the expenditure of \$5,000.00 to Trailnet for the 2009 Eagle Days Event January 14-18 on the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge.

Roll Call Vote

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

3 Ayes No Nays 3 Absent Motion Carried

Paul Evans back in meeting

b) Discussion of TWM Proposal: Corridor extension

Engineer Paul Homann mentioned that he will prepare a proposal for a corridor study for the Confluence Trail Extension and present it at the next board meeting.

c) Malcolm Martin Memorial Park

Executive Director Buehlhorn explained that the multipurpose building presentation was for discussion purposes only. The building is very basic to meet the requirements for the OSLAD Grant.

Planner Bryan Werner stated that it would consist of public restroom, open air shelter, vending area and security staff office. President Gene Peters asked when do we present it to Gateway and Executive Director Buehlhorn stated that he believes that we have enough with our last request to cover this building. Director Kane asked about the open air shelter and the position that it faces and asked if it could be turned so viewing of the platform and the arch could be utilized. He also suggested moving the dumpster entrance.

d) Report from District Engineers

Engineer Paul Homann stated that all shop drawings for the geyser lighting project controllers have been received, reviewed and approved. Guarantee Electric has looked for the conduit that will run from the geyser bowl to the pump house without success.

Engineer Bill Baudendistel stated that the parking lot joining pattern had to be changed to allow for street connection so drainage would not be impeded. The eagle points trail all the data as far as the contours have been received. Woodland trail: planning on walking it this week to verify alignment.

IX. Public Discussion and/or Comment

No public discussion and or comment

X. Adjournment

At 8:26 p.m. President Peters asked to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Director McDowell, 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 December 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.