

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Tuesday July 14, 2015

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

II Attendance Roll call

III. Establishment of Quorum

Present were: Harold Byers, Madison County
 Jerry Kane, Madison County
 Gene Peters, Madison County
 Barbara Hohlt, St. Clair County
 Gregory Yank, St. Clair County

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

Absent were: Earl McDowell, St. Clair County
 John Papa, Attorney

IV. Public Discussion and/or comment None was heard.

V. Election of Officers

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to elect Director Hohlt as President.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Present
Jerry Kane	Aye	Earl McDowell	Absent
Gene Peters	Aye	Gregory Yank	Aye

4 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent None Abstain Motion Carried

President Hohlt took over the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to elect Director Peters as Board Vice President.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye
Jerry Kane	Aye	Earl McDowell	Absent
Gene Peters	Aye	Gregory Yank	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent None Abstain Motion Carried

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Yank to elect Director Kane as Board Treasurer.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye
Jerry Kane	Abstain	Earl McDowell	Absent
Gene Peters	Aye	Gregory Yank	Aye

4 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 1 Abstain Motion Carried

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to elect Director Yank as Board Secretary.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye
Jerry Kane	Aye	Earl McDowell	Absent
Gene Peters	Aye	Gregory Yank	Abstain

4 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent 1 Abstain Motion Carried

VI. Approval of Minutes

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Byers to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2015 regular meeting as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye
Jerry Kane	Aye	Earl McDowell	Absent
Gene Peters	Aye	Gregory Yank	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent None Abstain Motion Carried

VII. Consent Agenda

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Yank to approve the consent agenda items a thru e as presented on pages 5-33.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye
Jerry Kane	Aye	Earl McDowell	Absent
Gene Peters	Aye	Gregory Yank	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent None Abstain Motion Carried

VIII. Finance

a) Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the payments and claims for June 2015 MEPRD as presented on pages 34-39.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye
Jerry Kane	Aye	Earl McDowell	Absent

Gene Peters Aye Gregory Yank Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent None Abstain Motion Carried

b) Director Yank made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the payments and claims for June 2015 MMMP as presented on pages 40-41.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye
Jerry Kane	Aye	Earl McDowell	Absent
Gene Peters	Aye	Gregory Yank	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent None Abstain Motion Carried

IX. Executive Director's Staff Report

Funding

For the second month in a row, sales tax amount was received and the amount had a slight decrease of about \$1,830 over the same period last year. The total amount to date is approximately 3.1% over last year, or an increase to date of \$75,700.

Grants

We are completing the application from St. Clair County for energy efficient lighting at MMMP. It is due on July 24. The Springfield budget still poses a problem for a \$2.6 million grant for the bridge over TRRA at Bunge. It is expected there will be a Capital Plan before the end of summer.

Projects

We are still working on a GIS map of expenditures with both affiliates and are awaiting information.

SCCTD

We have received the second installment for the Scott Troy Bike Trail from SCCTD in the amount of \$500,000.

MMMP

An Illinois American easement request was received and is under review, we have confirmation from Mr. Hier of their \$500,000 operational donation and it should be received within 30 days. There were some concerns over how MEPRD would continue maintaining the park after the funds have been depleted and gateway would like some acknowledgement that the park will be taken care of.

In addition we are receiving a draft document as part of the donation agreement that no alcohol or concerts, other than uses by MEPRD, will be held in the park, and that rules will be created to reflect the same. The agreement is being reviewed by staff and attorney John Papa.

July 3 and 4 were not an issue this year. We had about 200-300 attendees, with no vendors, just security.

We met with the Manx Dune Buggy Club from Los Angeles on their trip from LA to Niagara Falls. It is a yearly trip and the group makes the park a regular stop along the route.

Planner Bryan Werner gave a brief update on website updates and our newly printed MEPRD brochures.

X. Old Business

No old business to discuss

XI. New Business

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Byers to approve by omnibus vote Section IX, Items A - D.

Roll Call Vote

Harold Byers	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye
Jerry Kane	Aye	Earl McDowell	Absent
Gene Peters	Aye	Gregory Yank	Aye

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent None Abstain Motion Carried

- a) **Sponsorship Request from the Illinois Center for Autism for \$1,000.00 for their August 22, 2015 event “ICA’s Bike at Dawn”.**
- b) **Sponsorship request from the City of Wood River Parks and Recreation Department for \$2,500.00 for their August 8, 2015 event “Wood River Triathlon”.**
- c) **Sponsorship request from the Village of Millstadt for \$1,440.00 for their September 20, 2015 event “Millstadt 28th Annual Parks Biathlon”.**
- d) **Sponsorship request from the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois for \$1,000.00 for their September 12, 2015 event “Sharon’s Ride, Run, Swim Mini-Triathlon and Walk for Epilepsy”**
- e) **Report of Engineers/Attorney**
No report was given

XII. Adjournment

At 11:41 a.m. President Hohlt asked to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Director Kane seconded by Director Peters 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 August 11, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.