

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Tuesday, December 8, 2015

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

II. Attendance / Establishment of Quorum

Present were: Harold Byers, Madison County
Jerry Kane, Madison County
Barbara Hohlt, St. Clair County
Earl McDowell, St. Clair County

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

Absent were: Gene Peters, Madison County
Gregory Yank, St. Clair County

III. Public Discussion and/or Comment No Public Discussion and/or Comment was heard.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Byers to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2015 regular meeting as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent None Abstain Motion Carried

V. Consent Agenda

Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the consent agenda items a thru e as presented on pages 5-28.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent None Abstain Motion Carried

VI. Finance

a) Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the payments and claims for November 2015 MEPRD minus checks 6968 for \$30,637.62 and check 6969 for \$11,319.82 payable to MCT as presented on pages 29-34

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent None Abstain Motion Carried

Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve checks 6968 for \$30,637.62 and check 6969 for \$11,319.82 payable to MCT.

Roll Call Vote

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

3 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent 1 Abstain Motion Carried

b) Director McDowell made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the payments and claims for November 2015 MMMP as presented on pages 35-37

Roll Call Vote

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

3 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent None Abstain 1 Present Motion Carried

VII. Executive Director's Staff Report

The Executive Director gave his report and reported that the District has not received verification as of today's meeting of our next installment from the Department of Revenue.

The Illinois American easement funding has been received. The \$38,000 was placed in the MMMP account.

Staff has discussed grants with several communities on pending grants. Those involved were Belleville, O'Fallon, Shiloh and Wood River. There should be increased activity now that some of the money for municipalities appears to be nearing release. East Alton is also in the process for approval under New Business at the December meeting. The House and Senate have passed overwhelmingly SB 2309 to release LGDF, motor fuel and gaming revenues to municipalities. This should allow many communities to apply for grants. Signature by the Governor followed and release of funds should begin almost immediately.

The District has received notice that the lighting was being delivered today at MMMP. Pyramid Electric will begin installation on Wednesday. Completion should take about two weeks.

DCEO has indicated that all applications for energy savings is still on hold because of the State budget issue. There may be a need to reapply for the next budget year as the award times for this year would not be until after July 1 because of the delay.

Staff met with representatives from the National Park Service and City Arch River for an update of the project.

Representatives for the East St Louis Race Riot Commission Memorial met with staff to inquire if a monument relating to the incident could be installed at the MMMP. This was a very preliminary meeting, and the Executive Director indicated there would most likely not be support from the Gateway Center, who is our funding source. However, they were open to alternate options.

The NFL Play 60 commercial has been on and very well received.

Staff reported that a presentation will be made at the January meeting regarding our new website program outlining all MEPRD projects and descriptions.

Bryan Werner gave a synopsis of the East Alton project to be considered under New Business.

VIII. Old Business No old business to discuss

IX. New Business

a) Resolution 14-52 Re: Grant Request from the Village of East Alton in the amount of \$12,160.00 for their project titled: Bill Tite Memorial Lions Park Restroom

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Byers to approve Resolution 14-52 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent None Abstain Motion Carried

b) Report of Engineers/Attorney No report was given

X. Adjournment

At 11:32 a.m. President Hohlt asked to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Director Byers seconded by Director McDowell 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 January 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.