

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Tuesday, September 10, 2019

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

II. Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

Present were: Mark Achenbach, Madison County
 Gary Niebur, Madison County
 Frank Bergman, St. Clair County
 Barbara Hohlt, St. Clair County

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

Absent were: Jerry Kane, Madison County
 Gregory Yank, St. Clair County

III. Public Discussion and/or Comment None was heard.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Bergman to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2019 regular meeting as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Absent	Mark Achenbach	Aye	Gary Niebur	Abstain
Frank Bergman	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye	Gregory Yank	Absent

3 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 1 Abstain Motion Carried

V. Consent Agenda

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Bergman to approve item V-A as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Absent	Mark Achenbach	Aye	Gary Niebur	Aye
Frank Bergman	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye	Gregory Yank	Absent

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

Director Niebur made a motion, seconded by Director Achenbach to approve items V-B through D as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Absent	Mark Achenbach	Aye	Gary Niebur	Aye
Frank Bergman	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye	Gregory Yank	Absent

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Bergman to approve item V-E as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Absent	Mark Achenbach	Aye	Gary Niebur	Aye
Frank Bergman	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye	Gregory Yank	Absent

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

VI. Finance

a) Director Niebur made a motion, seconded by Director Achenbach to approve the payments and claims for August 2019 MEPRD as presented on pages 29-34.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Absent	Mark Achenbach	Aye	Gary Niebur	Aye
Frank Bergman	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye	Gregory Yank	Absent

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

b) Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Niebur to approve the payments and claims for August 2019 MMMP as presented on page 35.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Absent	Mark Achenbach	Aye	Gary Niebur	Aye
Frank Bergman	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye	Gregory Yank	Absent

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

VII. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Werner provided an overview of the document titled: Completed Tasks and Strategic Planning Guide. The report covers past, current, and future tasks, goals, and objectives.

VIII. New Business

a) FY20 Event Sponsorship Request from the Lions Club totaling \$1,000.00 for their event titled: Spooktacular Walk in the Park to be held on October 27, 2019.

b) Resolution 19-22: FY20 Grant Request from the Village of Bethalto totaling \$236,138.43 for their project titled: Erwin Plegge Multi-Use Path Phase II .

c) Grant Reimbursement Request from the City of Wood River totaling \$68,000.00 for their completed project titled: Emerick Sports Complex Renovation.

d) Grant Reimbursement Request from the Horner Park District totaling \$42,400.00 for their completed projected titled: McAllister Park Infrastructure Improvements.

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Bergman to approve Section VIII Items A-D.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Absent	Mark Achenbach	Aye	Gary Niebur	Aye
Frank Bergman	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye	Gregory Yank	Absent

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

e) Discussion item regarding the donation agreement between MEPRD and the Gateway Center of Metropolitan St. Louis relating to Malcolm W. Martin Memorial Park.

Executive Director Werner presented the Board of Directors with a copy of the Donation Agreement between MEPRD and the Gateway Center of Metropolitan St. Louis and a copy of a letter from the Gateway Center requesting clarification of MEPRD's position regarding an IL expansion of the Gateway Arch National Park. Potential revisions to the Donation Agreement were discussed, along with the future of the park. President Hohlt mentioned the conversation would be continued at future meetings. Executive Director Werner said he would place the item on the October agenda so the topic could be discussed further.

X. Executive Session

Executive Session to discuss property pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)(5), personnel matters pursuant to 5ILCS 20/2(c)(1), and to review executive session minutes pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)(21).

At 12:14 p.m. Director Niebur made a motion, seconded by Director Bergman to enter into executive session to discuss property pursuant to 5ILCS120/2(c)(5), personnel matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and to review executive session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Absent	Mark Achenbach	Aye	Gary Niebur	Aye
Frank Bergman	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye	Gregory Yank	Absent

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

At 12:50 p.m. Director Achenbach made a motion seconded by Director Bergman to return to open session.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Absent	Mark Achenbach	Aye	Gary Niebur	Aye
Frank Bergman	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye	Gregory Yank	Absent

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

f) Release of Executive Session Minutes

Director Achenbach made a motion seconded by Director Bergman to approve the release of executive session minutes as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Absent	Mark Achenbach	Aye	Gary Niebur	Aye
Frank Bergman	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye	Gregory Yank	Absent

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

g) Employee Compensation

Director Niebur made a motion, seconded by Director Bergman to approve a 2.5% increase for MEPRD staff salaries retroactive to July 1, 2019.

Roll Call Vote

Jerry Kane	Absent	Mark Achenbach	Abstain	Gary Niebur	Aye
Frank Bergman	Aye	Barbara Hohlt	Aye	Gregory Yank	Absent

3 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 1 Abstain Motion Carried

h) Report of Engineers/Attorney No report was given.

XI. Adjournment

At 12:52 p.m. President Hohlt asked 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 October 8, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.