

**METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois  
**Tuesday September 9, 2014**

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

**II Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum**

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

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

**III. Public Discussion and/or comment. None was heard.**

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**Director Yank made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2014 regular meeting as presented with the exception of correcting the spelling of the event that will take place at the Malcolm W. Martin Memorial Park.**

Voice Vote All Ayes motion carried

**V. Consent Agenda**

**Director Hohlt made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the consent agenda items a thru e as presented on pages 5-27.**

Roll Call Vote

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

6 Ayes No Nays None absent None Abstain Motion Carried

**VI. Finance**

**a) Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the payments and claims for August 2014 for MEPRD as presented on pages 28-33.**

Roll Call Vote

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

Gene Peters                      Aye                                      Gregory Yank                      Aye

6 Ayes   No Nays   None absent   None Abstain   Motion Carried

**b) Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Yank to approve the payments and claims for August 2014 MMMP as presented on pages 34-35.**

Roll Call Vote

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

6 Ayes   No Nays   None absent   None Abstain   Motion Carried

**VII. Executive Director's/Staff Report**

Funding

Made some investment changes to upcoming renewals and discussed with the Treasurer.

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity/Signage

Our requested location was denied due to an interstate rule. Working with Matt Hughes and Omer Osman next week after his return.

Street Traffic at River Park Drive

Repair work has been completed all the way to IL Route 3. Approximately 22 concrete patches on Front Street and Trendley were completed.

Design work on a new Front Street South is currently in progress by TWM.

Cargill has apparently committed \$450,000 in additional funds for the Front Street improvements.

Park and Trail Grant Program FY 2015/Grants

Expect about 5-7 applications during the next month as PARC grants are announced along with regular requests.

It is also expected that OSLAD grants will be announced before the election, however not all applicants may receive funding, depending on our remaining fund balance for grants.

Cameras/Earthcam

August saw about 2422 visitors during the month. That brings our estimated total from April 1 to August 30 to approximately 10,246.

We have a Heroin and Drug Abuse Recovery group that will visit the park this Saturday evening for a ceremony. They are expecting a crowd of 300-400.

The Great Food truck race featuring the park will be on the Food Network this coming Sunday.

**VIII. Old Business**

No old business to discuss

**IX. New Business**

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

Roll Call Vote

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

6 Ayes No Nays None absent None Abstain Motion Carried

- a) **Event Sponsorship Request: Ridge Prairie Trailhead Initiative for \$1,697.50 for their event – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lebanon Fall Festival Ride to be held on October 4, 2014.**
- b) **Resolution 14-19: Grant Request from The City of Highland for \$112,000.00 for their project titled: Sharpshooter’s Trail.**
- c) **Resolution 14-20: Grant Request from The City of O’Fallon for \$56,070.00 for their project titled: Illini Bike Trail to Frank Scott Parkway**
- d) **Resolution 14-21: Grant Request from The City of Fairview Heights for \$104,000.00 for their project titled: Everett Moody Park Pavilion Renovations.**
- e) **Review of Executive Session Minutes.**  
No Executive Session Minutes to be released at this time
- f) **Report of Engineers/Attorney**  
No report was given by District Attorney

**XI. Executive Session**

**Executive Session to discuss Acquisition of Property under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)**

**At 11:45 a.m. Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to leave regular session and enter into Executive Session to discuss Acquisition of Property under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)**

Voice Vote All Ayes motion carried

**At 12:16 p.m. Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to leave Executive Session and enter into regular session.**

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays 1 absent None Abstain Motion Carried

Back in regular session at 12:17 p.m.

**XII. Adjournment**

**At 12:17 p.m. President Byers 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 October 14, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.**