

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

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

II. Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

Present Mark Achenbach, Madison County
 Jerry Kane, Madison County
 Linda Wheaton, Madison County
 Paul Evans, St. Clair County
 Randy Randolph, St. Clair County

 Bryan Werner, Executive Director
 Cole Preston, Grant Coordinator
 Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant
 Edward J. Szewczyk, Attorney

Absent Frank Bergman, St. Clair County

III. Public Discussion and/or Comment No public discussion or comments heard.

IV. Election of Officers

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Randolph, to nominate Director Evans as Board President. No other nominations were heard.

Voice Vote All ayes No nays Motion carried.

President Evans chaired the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Kane, to nominate Director Wheaton as Board Vice President. No other nominations were heard.

Voice Vote All ayes No nays Motion carried.

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Kane, to nominate Director Randolph as Board Secretary/Treasurer. No other nominations were heard.

Voice Vote All ayes No nays Motion carried.

V. Approval of Minutes

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Achenbach, to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2023, meeting as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach Aye Jerry Kane Aye Linda Wheaton Aye
Frank Bergman Aye Paul Evans Aye Randy Randolph Aye

6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

VI. Consent Agenda

Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Achenbach, to approve the consent agenda items A-E as presented on pages 4-42.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Frank Bergman	Absent	Paul Evans	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

VII. Finance

a) Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Achenbach, to approve MEPRD's payments and claims for May 2023 & June 2023 as presented on pages 43-51.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Frank Bergman	Absent	Paul Evans	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

b) Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Wheaton, to approve MMMP's payments and claims for May 2023 & June 2023 as presented on pages 52-55.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Frank Bergman	Absent	Paul Evans	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

VIII. 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.

IX. Old Business

a) Resolution 23-13: Approval of FY24 Budget per 50 ILCS 330.

Executive Director Werner provided an overview of the FY24 budgets.

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Randolph, to approve Resolution 23-13 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Frank Bergman	Absent	Paul Evans	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

b) Resolution 23-14: Approval of FY24 Event Sponsorship Grant Program.

Executive Director Werner provided an overview of the FY24 Event Sponsorship Grant Program.

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Wheaton, to approve Resolution 23-14 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Frank Bergman	Absent	Paul Evans	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

c) Resolution 23-15: Approval of FY24 Community Planning Grant Program

Executive Director Werner provided an overview of the FY24 Community Planning Grant Program.

Director Wheaton made a motion, seconded by Director Achenbach, to approve Resolution 23-15 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Frank Bergman	Absent	Paul Evans	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

d) Resolution 23-16: Approval of FY24 Park and Trail Grant Program

Executive Director Werner provided an overview of the FY24 Park and Trail Grant Program.

Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Achenbach, to approve Resolution 23-16 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Frank Bergman	Absent	Paul Evans	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

e) Resolution 23-17: Approval of a letter of Intent to Donate Malcolm W. Martin Memorial Park to the United States of America for the Illinois Expansion of the Gateway Arch National Park.

Executive Director Werner provided an overview of the letter of intent to donate Malcolm W. Martin Memorial Park to the United States of America for the Illinois Expansion of the Gateway Arch National Park.

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Kane, to approve Resolution 23-17 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Frank Bergman	Absent	Paul Evans	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

X. New Business

Grant Coordinator Cole Preston presented new business items A through D.

- a) Resolution 23-18: FY23 Community Planning Grant Request from the City of Belleville in the amount of 29,000.00 for their proposed project titled: “Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.”**

Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Wheaton, to approve Resolution 23-18 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Frank Bergman	Absent	Paul Evans	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

- b) FY22 Community Planning Grant reimbursement request from the City of Granite City in the amount of \$22,000.00 for their completed project titled, “Granite City Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.”**

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Achenbach, to approve the payout request to the City of Granite City as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Frank Bergman	Absent	Paul Evans	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

- c) FY23 Park & Trail Grant reimbursement request from the Village of East Alton in the amount of \$29,530.80 for their completed project titled, “Keasler Recreation Complex-Gym Floor.**

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Randolph, to approve the payout request to the Village of East Alton as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Frank Bergman	Absent	Paul Evans	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

- d) Resolution 23-19: Rescind City of Wood River FY23 Grant “Confluence Trail to Camp Dubois Connector in the amount of \$300,000.00.**

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Kane, to approve Resolution 23-19 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach Aye Jerry Kane Aye Linda Wheaton Aye
Frank Bergman Absent Paul Evans Aye Randy Randolph Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

e) Resolution 23-20: Professional Security Contract 2-month extension ending September 30, 2023.

Executive Director Werner provided an overview of the 2-month contract extension with Professional Security and Guard for Malcolm W. Martin Memorial Park.

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Kane, to approve Resolution 23-20 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach Aye Jerry Kane Aye Linda Wheaton Nay
Frank Bergman Absent Paul Evans Aye Randy Randolph Aye

4 Ayes 1 Nay 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

f) Resolution 23-21: Fifth Amendment to Gateway Center St. Louis Funding.

Executive Director Werner provided an overview of the Fifth Amendment to the Gateway Center of Metropolitan St. Louis funding agreement.

Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Wheaton, to approve Resolution 23-21 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach Aye Jerry Kane Aye Linda Wheaton Aye
Frank Bergman Absent Paul Evans Aye Randy Randolph Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

g) Report from MEPRD Attorney Edward J. Szewczyk. Mr. Szewczyk provided a brief update on MEPRD's pending lawsuit.

XI. Adjournment

At 12:19 p.m. President Evans asked to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye on a voice vote and the meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant**