

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Tuesday, October 10, 2023

I. Call to Order Vice President Wheaton 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 via telephonic means
 Linda Wheaton, Madison County
 Jon Greenstreet, St. Clair County
 George Markezich, 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

Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Achenbach to allow Director Kane to attend the meeting via telephonic means.

Voice Vote All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

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

IV. Election of Officers

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

Voice Vote All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

President Randolph began Chairing the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

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

Voice Vote All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

V. Approval of Minutes

Director Wheaton made a motion, seconded by Director Achenbach, to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2023, meeting as presented.

Voice Vote All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

VI. Consent Agenda

Director Wheaton made a motion, seconded by Director Achenbach, to approve the consent agenda items A-E as presented on pages 5-27.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach Aye
Jon Greenstreet Aye

Jerry Kane Aye
George Markezich Aye

Linda Wheaton Aye
Randy Randolph Aye

6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

VII. Finance

a) Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Wheaton, to approve MEPRD's payments and claims for September 2023 as presented on pages 28-32 and MMMP's payments and claims for September 2023 as presented on pages 33-34.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach Aye
Jon Greenstreet Aye

Jerry Kane Aye
George Markezich Aye

Linda Wheaton Aye
Randy Randolph Aye

6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 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 No old business was discussed.

X. New Business

Executive Director Bryan provided an overview of new business item A.

a) Resolution 23-38: A resolution amending signatories for negotiable instruments, whereby Paul Evans and Frank Bergman are removed and Jon Greenstreet and George Markezich are added to the list.

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Wheaton, to approve Resolution 23-38 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach Aye
Jon Greenstreet Aye

Jerry Kane Aye
George Markezich Aye

Linda Wheaton Aye
Randy Randolph Aye

6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

Grant Coordinator, Cole Preston provided an overview of the new business items B through I.

b) FY19 Park & Trail Grant reimbursement request from St. Clair County Transit District (SCCTD) in the amount of \$243,000.00 for their completed project titled: "Old Collinsville Road Trail, Phase 1".

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Wheaton, to approve a grant reimbursement to SCCTD in the amount of \$243,000.00 for their completed project titled: "Old Collinsville Road Trail, Phase 1" as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach Aye
Jon Greenstreet Aye

Jerry Kane Aye
George Markezich Abstain

Linda Wheaton Aye
Randy Randolph Aye

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 1 Abstain Motion Carried

- c) FY24 Event Sponsorship Grant Request from the City of Highland in the amount of \$1,899.00 for their upcoming “*Gobble Hobble*”, event to be held on November 23, 2023.
- d) FY24 Event Sponsorship Grant Request from the City of Belleville in the amount of 2,500.00 for their upcoming “*Gingerbread 5K Walk/Run*”, event to be held on December 2, 2023
- e) Resolution 23-39: FY24 Community Planning Grant Request from the Village of Hamel in the amount of \$9,724.00 for their project titled: “Hamel Park Master Plan”.
- f) Resolution 23-40: FY24 Community Planning Grant Request from the City of O’Fallon in the amount of \$100,000.00 for their project titled: “Community Amphitheater”.
- g) Resolution 23-41: FY24 Park & Trail Grant Request from the Village of Worden in the amount of \$60,000.00 for their project titled: “Community Park Improvement Project”.
- h) Resolution 23-42: FY24 Park & Trail Grant Request from the Horner Park District in the amount of \$12,867.76 for their project titled: “Sidewalk/Walking Trail Installation and Playground Equipment Upgrades”.
- i) Resolution 23-43: FY24 Park & Trail Grant Request from the Edwardsville Township in the amount of \$28,080.00 for their project titled: “Trail Connection, Solar & Drinking Fountain”.

Director Greenstreet made an omnibus motion, seconded by Director Achenbach, to approve New Business items C through I as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach Aye
Jon Greenstreet Aye

Jerry Kane Aye
George Markezich Aye

Linda Wheaton Aye
Randy Randolph Aye

6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

- j) Report from Edward J. Szewczyk, Attorney Mr. Szewczyk provided a brief overview of MEPRD’s current litigation matters.

XI. Adjournment

At 11:52 a.m. President Randolph asked to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

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