

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Minutes of April 9, 2007 Meeting 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order President Harold Byers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II Attendance Roll call was taken.

Present were:

Harold Byers, Madison County
Jerry Kane, Madison County
Gene Peters, Madison County
Paul Evans, St. Clair County
Pamela Hogan, St. Clair County
Earl McDowell, St. Clair County
Mike Buehlhorn, Executive Director
Bryan Werner, Planner
Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant
Bill Baudendistel, Juneau Associates
Ed Szewczyk, Attorney

Absent were: Anna Heavner, Intern

III. Approval of Minutes

a) Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2007 regular meeting.

Voice Vote All Ayes No Nays Motion Carried

IV. Consent Agenda

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote All Ayes No Nays Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

V. Finance

a) Director Hogan made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the payments and claims as presented for March 2007 MEPRD.

Roll Call Vote All Ayes No Nays Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

b) Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to approve the payments and claims as presented for March 2007 MMMP.

Roll Call Vote All Ayes No Nays Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Aye		Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye		Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye		Paul Evans	Aye

c) Director McDowell made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to transfer \$225,000.00 from the Illinois Funds checking account to the Bank of Edwardsville money market checking account for District business purposes.

Roll Call Vote All Ayes No Nays Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Aye		Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye		Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye		Paul Evans	Aye

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to transfer \$50,000.00 from the Illinois Fund account to the Malcolm Martin Memorial Bank of Edwardsville checking account for business purposes.

Roll Call Vote All Ayes No Nays Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Aye		Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye		Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye		Paul Evans	Aye

VI. Executive Director's Report

VII. Old Business

No old business to discuss.

VIII. New Business

a) Village of Marine request for Reimbursement

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve Bryan Werner's recommendation to reimburse the Village of Marine a total of \$100,000.00 for completion of their project titled: Heritage Trail as part of the Resolution 05-12 Funding Cycle.

Roll Call Vote 5 Ayes No Nays 1 Abstained Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Abstain		Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye		Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye		Paul Evans	Aye

b) Village of Glen Carbon request for Reimbursement

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve Bryan Werner's recommendation to reimburse the Village of Glen Carbon a total of \$100,000.00 for completion of their project titled: Easterly Trail Extension of Heritage Bike Trail as part of the Special Grant Funding Cycle.

Roll Call Vote 5 Ayes No Nays 1 Abstained Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Abstain	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

c) Request for participation – O'Fallon Park District

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the request from O'Fallon Park District for \$100,000.00 to assist in the construction of a multi-use trail at the O'Fallon Family Sports Park.

Roll Call Vote All Ayes No Nays Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Aye	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Aye	Paul Evans	Aye

d) MEPRD/MCT Agreement

Executive Director Buehlhorn mentioned that we were waiting on a redraft of an agreement and hopes to have something in time for the next board meeting.

e) Executive Session Review

President Byers appointed Director Evans to help with the Executive Session review process.

f) Request from Trailnet: Barns, Bridges and Bluffs Ride

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the sponsorship for the Barns, Bridges and Bluffs ride for \$2,500.00.

Roll Call Vote 3 Ayes 1 Nays 2 Abstained Motion Carried

Jerry Kane	Aye	Pam Hogan	Aye
Gene Peters	Abstain	Earl McDowell	Aye
Harold Byers	Nay	Paul Evans	Abstain

g) FY 2008 Budget – Progress Report

Executive Director Buehlhorn is planning on meeting with all board members to go over what is in the FY 2008 budget. A preliminary budget will be presented by May and the final budget to be presented in June 2007.

h) Report of District Engineer

Bill Baudendistel talked about the process of trying to get wells at the fountain. Two test wells are going to be installed and water samples will be taken. The cost shouldn't exceed \$1,000.00.

Next Bill discussed the utility relocation at Malcolm W. Martin Memorial Park. We have asked the water company to pinpoint the depth of the lines for us. If we have to use directional boring our costs will be impacted.

AT&T has told us one pipe will be needed next to the conduit. All three utility companies should have final planning details completed in the very near future.

The punch list is now much smaller, things are slowly getting done. Concrete around the comfort station as well as the missing frost walls are being fixed.

Bill mentioned that we would be meeting with Ameren shortly to discuss details of the McKinley Bridge ramp down. Preliminary plans were discussed at a meeting with Great Rivers Greenway District and HNTB and soon we will meet with Ameren and IDOT to discuss additional details.

IX. Public Discussion and/or Comment

No public discussion.

Executive Director Buehlhorn tentatively has scheduled a small open house for Saturday, May 5, 2007 from 11 -1.

X. Adjournment:

At 8:24 p.m. Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to adjourn the meeting. All voted and the meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Next MEPRD meeting will be held on Monday, May 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

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