

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
October 8, 2007

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

II Attendance Roll call

Present were: Jerry Kane, 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 in at 7:06 p.m.
Paul Homann, TWM, Inc.
Ed Szewczyk, Attorney in at 7:08 p.m.

Absent were: Harold Byers, Madison County
Gene Peters, Madison County
Anna Heavner, Intern

III. Approval of Minutes

a) Director Hogan made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2007 regular meeting as amended.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

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

IV. Consent Agenda

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

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

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

V. Finance

a) Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the payments and claims as presented for September 2007 MEPRD finance section.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

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

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

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

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

c) Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to transfer \$150,000.00 from the Illinois Funds checking account to the Bank of Edwardsville money market checking account for District business purposes and a transfer of \$400,000 for the St. Clair County Transit District for the purchase of the Engelmann Farm per earlier resolution.

Roll Call Vote 4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

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

VI. Executive Director's Report

Report accepted as presented.

VII. Old Business

a) Update: OSLAD Grants

Executive Director Buehlhorn explained the two change orders to OSLAD I and OSLAD II and also explained that he has applied for an extension from IDNR on OSLAD I grant due to the fact that this project will not be completed by the end of December 2007.

b) Update: McKinley Bridge Ramp down

Executive Director Buehlhorn explained to the Board that in a previous meeting it was discussed the moving of the office trailers and parking area, that are currently being utilized by Halverson. The preliminary estimate to move the trailers was \$80,000. Since that meeting, Executive Director Buehlhorn has spoke with David Fisher of Great Rivers Greenway and they have received an extension on the Branch Street Trestle portion of the ramp down until June of 2008. With this being said Bill Baudendistel has been instructed to proceed with the easternmost segment quotation from Halverson but we will wait until May 2008 to make the final connection. This decision has been made to save the district the \$80,000 for the relocation cost.

c) Update: Gateway Geyser Liner

Executive Director Buehlhorn discussed the apparent leakage problem with the Geyser. The Geyser operations have been halted as of September 16. There has been no filling of the pond or eruptions since that date. Daily measurements have been taken and it shows an estimated daily normal evaporation rate is about 15,000 gallons per day. There is now a 20' x 60' portion of the liner exposed so testing will take place using Helium. A claim has been turned into the

insurance company and they have hired a Geo –Technical engineering firm from Champaign, Illinois to review our claim.

VIII. New Business

Over the past several months Executive Director Buehlhorn and Planner Bryan Werner have met with St. Clair County Transit District and others on the development of a St. Clair County Bikeway. This trail would join the communities of Belleville, Swansea, Fairview Heights as well as SWIC and Memorial Hospital and all Metro stations from the college to Fairview Heights. This would be a multi year project that could possibly extend into 2010. There is already a current agreement between the District and SCCTD for a \$100,000 grant for the connection behind the Century Brass property to connect the three area trails: (Swansea’s Richland Creek Bikeway, Belleville’s North End Park and SWIC Trail). There has been a Resolution passed by MEPRD regarding the Swansea Richland Creek extension. Any further commitments made by MEPRD will only be made if we can make a successful application to the IDNR Bikeway Program over the next two cycles. SCCTD has been told that if MEPRD applies for a bikeway grant and they apply for a different segment that they will not be eligible for any reimbursement from MEPRD for additional matching funds.

IX. Public Discussion and/or Comment

No public discussion and or comment

X. Adjournment

At 8:28 p.m. President McDowell asked to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Director Hogan, second by Director Evans to adjourn. 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 Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.