

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Monday, March 10, 2008

I. Call to Order President Earl McDowell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II Attendance Roll call

Present were: Gene Peters, Madison County
Paul Evans, St. Clair County
Pamela Hogan, St. Clair County
Earl McDowell, St. Clair County

Mike Buehlhorn, Executive Director
Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant
Bryan Werner, Planner
Bill Baudendistel, Juneau Associates
Paul Homann, TWM, Inc.
Ed Szewczyk, Attorney in at 7:08 p.m.

Absent were: Harold Byers, Madison County
Jerry Kane, Madison County
Anna Heavner, Grant Coordinator

III. Approval of Minutes

a) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2008 regular meeting as amended.

Voice call vote

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

b) Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to approve the minutes from the January 29, 2008 public hearing regarding the IDNR Bikeway applications.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

IV. Consent Agenda

a-d) Director Hogan made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the consent agenda on pages 7-26.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

V. **Finance**

a) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the payments and claims for February 2008 MEPRD as presented on pages 27-34.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

b) Director Hogan made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the payments and claims for February 2008 MMMP as presented on pages 35-37.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

c) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Peters to approve the Executive Director's recommendation to transfer \$200,000.00 from the Illinois Funds checking account to the Bank of Edwardsville money market checking account for District business purposes.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

Director Peters made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to approve the transfer of \$50,000.00 from the Illinois Funds checking account to the Bank of Edwardsville money market checking account for MMMP operational purposes.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes No Nays 2 Absent Motion Carried

d) Electronic Payments/Direct Deposit

Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to have the Executive Director work with our accounts to develop a procedure to safe guard the effective and proper use of electronic payroll deposits and bill payments.

VI. Executive Director's Report

Report accepted as presented.

VII. Old Business

a) IDNR Bikeway Applications

Eagle Points Trail: Executive Director Buehlhorn presented the Board with a presentation map of the trail we have applied for with our application. This portion would cover from the end of the multi use section to the tip of the island.

Malcolm Martin Trail: Executive Director Buehlhorn discussed the issue with the deficiency letter. MEPRD has run into trouble with gaining access to construct the "at grade" crossing so this application might be pulled.

VIII. New Business

a) MMMP Federal Applications

Executive Director Buehlhorn described the bridge and the construction of about 500 feet on each side. We have also applied for the rest of the development of the park on this application.

b) Report on McKinley Bikeway opening

Planner Bryan Werner along with Julie Hauser attended a meeting at Great Rivers Greenway regarding the preparation for the opening of the McKinley Bridge and Branch Street Trestle. A late morning event "National Trails Day", on June 7, 2008 has been tentatively set.

c) Report of District Engineers on Projects

Nothing new was added by either district engineer on the projects.

IX. Public Discussion and/or Comment

No public discussion and/or comment

X. Adjournment

At 7:51 p.m. President McDowell asked to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Director Evans second by Director Hogan 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 Monday April 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.