

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Tuesday, April 14, 2009

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

II Attendance Roll call

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
Paul Homann, TWM, Inc.
John Papa, Attorney

Guest were: Meera Jane, Arcturis

III. Approval of Minutes

a) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director Kane to approve the minutes from the March regular meeting as amended.

Roll Call Vote

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

6 Ayes No Nays No Absent Motion Carried

IV. Consent Agenda

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the consent agenda items a thru d as presented on pages 4-28.

Roll Call Vote

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

6 Ayes No Nays No Absent Motion Carried

V. Finance

a) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the payments and claims for March 2009 MEPRD as presented on pages 29-36.

Roll Call Vote

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

6 Ayes No Nays No Absent Motion Carried

b) Director Hogan made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to approve the payments and claims for March 2009 MMMP as presented on pages 37-39.

Roll Call Vote

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

6 Ayes No Nays No Absent Motion Carried

c) Director Evans made a motion, seconded by Director McDowell to approve the transfer of \$250,000.00 from the Illinois Money Market account to the Bank of Edwardsville money market checking account for District operational purposes.

Roll Call Vote

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

6 Ayes No Nays No Absent Motion Carried

Director McDowell made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to approve the transfer of \$75,000.00 from the Illinois Funds prime interest account to the Bank of Edwardsville money market checking account for MMMP operational purposes.

Roll Call Vote

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

6 Ayes No Nays No Absent Motion Carried

Director Hogan made a motion, seconded by Director Evans to authorize the Executive Director and the Treasurer to take \$750,000.00 from the MEPRD Illinois Prime Interest account and to solicit banks within the district boundaries for the highest short term CD interest rate and be authorized to distribute the funds to the banks with the highest rates and to also insure the funds are insured by the FDIC.

Roll Call Vote

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

6 Ayes No Nays No Absent Motion Carried

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Roll Call Vote

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

6 Ayes No Nays No Absent Motion Carried

VI. Executive Director's Staff Report

Executive Director Buehlhorn and Planner Werner presented the report.

Discussion was held on the STAR bonding legislation in the Glen Carbon area. After some discussion Director Kane suggested a letter from MEPRD to all area legislators making them aware MEPRD is not in favor of losing its tax to the STAR bonding area.

Director Evans also added that it would be inconsistent with the enabling legislation that was created for MEPRD. MEPRD was created for a purpose and the proposed legislation would undermine our purpose, which is to serve the residents of the counties. Attorney John Papa will assist the Executive Director in preparing the needed response.

Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director Kane that the President of the board draft a letter to the legislators of this area regarding the fact that we would like to retain the sales tax revenue in this proposed Star bonding area.

VII. Old Business

a) MMMP: Arcturis OSLAD Phase II Presentation

Director Evans, made a motion seconded by Director Kane to approve building design option 3, which was presented to the board by Meera Jane with Arcturis.

Roll Call Vote

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

6 Ayes No Nays No Absent Motion Carried

b) MMMP: Grand Opening Overview Presentation

Planner Bryan Werner gave an overview of last month's discussion regarding the grand opening of Malcolm Martin Memorial Park.

c) MMMP: Policies Overview Presentation

Planner Bryan Werner gave an overview of last month's discussion regarding proposed policies and procedures for the Malcolm Martin Memorial Park.

VIII. New Business

a) MEPRD Long Range Plan Update Presentation

Planner Bryan Werner discussed the Long Range Plan update process. The purpose of the update: is to make the document current, to review organizational progress, to help budget and allocate resources, to reevaluate organizational priorities and to maintain focus on current goals and objectives.

Director McDowell out of meeting at 8:03 p.m.

b) Report of District Engineers

Paul Homann stated that he has met with MESD regarding the corridor study. Corp of Engineers has been sent the alignment for their review and no problems so far. As far as the lighting project, they are getting a consultant to come in for three days and show Bryan and Paul how to program the controlling system. A check on the lighting system showed a few items need to be repaired or fixed.

Bill Baudendistel is working with the MERPD staff on closing out the OSLAD Phase I project. No word from Ameren as to date. He is also preparing to close out the Halverson Contract for the McKinley Bridge Project.

IX. Executive Session

At 8:27 p.m. Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Hogan to leave regular session and go into executive session to discuss the acquisition of property pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) and Security Issues pursuant to 5 ILCS 20 120/2 (c)(8).

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

Back into regular session at 9:16 p.m.

Director Byers made a motion, seconded by Director Kane regarding the property being sold in Hamel Township, Quercus Grove Parcel, to authorize the Executive Director to bid up to \$27,600.00 for the of parcel.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes No Nays 1 Absent Motion Carried

X. Public Discussion and/or Comment

No public discussion

XI. Adjournment

At 9:18 p.m. President Peters asked to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Director Kane, seconded by Director Evans. 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 May 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.