

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Tuesday, September 10, 2024

I. Call to Order 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
 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

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Markezich, to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2024, meeting as presented.

Voice Vote All Ayes Motion Carried.

V. Consent Agenda

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Kane, to approve the consent agenda items A-E as presented on pages 5-26.

Roll Call Vote
Mark Achenbach Aye Jerry Kane Aye Linda Wheaton Aye
Jon Greenstreet Aye George Markezich Aye Randy Randolph Aye

6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

VI. Finance

Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Markezich, to approve MEPRD's payments and claims for August 2024, as presented on pages 27-31 and MMMP's payments and claims for August 2024, as presented on pages 32-33.

Roll Call Vote
Mark Achenbach Aye Jerry Kane Aye Linda Wheaton Aye
Jon Greenstreet Aye George Markezich Aye Randy Randolph Aye

6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

VII. 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.

VIII. Old Business No old business was discussed.

IX. New Business

Grant Coordinator Cole Preston provided an overview of new business items A through G and Executive Director Werner presented new business items H and I.

- a) FY23 Community Planning Grant Reimbursement Request from the City of Collinsville in the amount of \$39,200.00 for their completed project titled “City of Collinsville Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.”
- b) FY24 Community Planning Grant Reimbursement Request from the Village of Hamel in the amount of \$9,724.00 for their completed project titled “Hamel Parks Master Plan.”
- c) FY24 Park and Trail Grant Reimbursement Request from the Tri-Township Park District in the amount of \$16,596.00 for their completed project titled “Activity Center Skate Floor”.

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Randolph, to approve new business items A through C as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Jon Greenstreet	Aye	George Markezich	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

- d) FY25 Event Sponsorship Grant Request from the City of Belleville in the amount of \$2,500.00 for their event titled: “Gingerbread 5K Run/Walk” which will be held on December 7, 2024.
- e) FY25 Event Sponsorship Grant Request from the SIUE Foundation in the amount of \$2,500.00 for their event titled: “SIUE Cougars Unleashed Homecoming Run” which will be held on October 5, 2024.
- f) FY25 Event Sponsorship Grant Request from the Emma L. Wilson King Foundation in the amount of \$2,500.00 for their event titled “EMMAFEST 5K Walk/Run (2024)” which will be held on October 5, 2024.

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Kane, to approve new business items D through F as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Jon Greenstreet	Aye	George Markezich	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

- g) Resolution 24-25: FY25 Community Planning Grant Request from the City of Highland in the amount of \$34,200.00 for their project titled “City of Highland Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.”

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Achenbach, to approve Resolution 24-25 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Jon Greenstreet	Aye	George Markezich	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

- h) Resolution 24-26: Authorizing the National Park Service to conduct a Phase 2 Study of Malcolm W. Martin Memorial Park for the future Illinois Expansion of the Gateway Arch National Park.

Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Markezich, to approve Resolution 24-26 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Jon Greenstreet	Aye	George Markezich	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

- i) Release of executive session minutes per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Randolph, to approve the release of the closed session minutes pertaining to property matters pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) from the April 11, 2023, closed session minutes.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach	Aye	Jerry Kane	Aye	Linda Wheaton	Aye
Jon Greenstreet	Aye	George Markezich	Aye	Randy Randolph	Aye

6 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

- j) Report from Edward J. Szewczyk, MEPRD Attorney No report.

X. Executive Session

Executive Session to discuss review executive session minutes pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

No executive session was held.

XI. Adjournment

At 11:47 a.m. President Wheaton asked to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rene’ St. Peters, Administrative Assistant