

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois

Tuesday, August 11, 2026

I. Call to Order President Markezich 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. Election of Officers

President Markezich asked for nominations for Board President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Greenstreet, to nominate Director Achenbach as Board President. No other nominations were heard.

Voice Vote All ayes No nays Motion carried.

Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Kane, to nominate Director Greenstreet as Board Vice President. No other nominations were heard.

Voice Vote All ayes No nays Motion carried.

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Achenbach, to nominate Director Randolph as Board Secretary/Treasurer. No other nominations were heard.

Voice Vote All ayes No nays Motion carried.

President Achenbach began chairing the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

V. Approval of Minutes

Director Markezich made a motion, seconded by Director Greenstreet, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026, meeting 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

VI. Consent Agenda

Director Wheaton made a motion, seconded by Director Randolph, to approve the consent agenda items A-E as presented on pages 4-42.

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. Finance

a) Director Markezich made a motion, seconded by Director Kane, to approve the June and July 2026 payments and claims for MEPRD as presented on pages 43-52 and for MMMP as presented on pages 53-56.

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

VIII. 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.

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Grant Coordinator Cole Preston presented new business items A through L.

- a) FY24 Park and Trail Grant Reimbursement Request from the Village of St. Jacob in the amount of \$48,185.21 for their completed park project titled: Restroom at Mill Pond Park (3992).
- b) FY24 Park and Trail Grant Reimbursement Request from the Village of Bethalto in the amount of \$300,000.00 for their completed trail project titled: Erwin Plegge Multi-Use Path, Phase 1 (3971).
- c) FY23 Park and Trail Conditional Grant Reimbursement Request from the Village of Glen Carbon in the amount of \$170,278.99 for their completed trail project titled: Glen Carbon Road Shared-Use Path, Phase 1 (3970).

Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Markezich, to approve new business items A-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) FY27 Event Sponsorship Grant Request from the SIUE Foundation in the amount of \$2,500.00 for their upcoming event, “SIUE Cougars Unleashed Homecoming Run (2026)” taking place on Saturday, September 26, 2026.

Director Wheaton made a motion, seconded by Director Greenstreet, to approve the event sponsorship grant request from SIUE Foundation 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

- e) Resolution 26-09: FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from St. Clair County Transit District (SCCTD) in the amount of \$500,000.00 for a proposed trail project titled: SCCTD Frank Scott Parkway Shared-Use Path (4038).

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Greenstreet, to approve Resolution 26-09 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 1 Abstain Motion Carried

- f) Resolution 26-10: FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from the City of Troy in the amount of \$124,500.00 for a proposed trail project titled: Shared-Use Path Extension from Serenade Park to “The Forum” (4039).
- g) Resolution 26-11: FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from the City of Lebanon in the amount of \$276,214.00 for a proposed trail project titled: IL Route 4 Shared-Use Path (4040).
- h) Resolution 26-12: FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from the Village of Glen Carbon in the amount of \$294,240.00 for a proposed trail project titled: IL-157 Shared-Use Path (4041).

- i) Resolution 26-13: FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from the Village of Shiloh in the amount of \$187,209.00 for a proposed park project titled: Three Springs Park Playground (4042).
- j) Resolution 26-14: FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from the Village of Maryville in the amount of \$181,950.00 for a proposed park project titled: Drost Park Improvements (4043).
- k) Resolution 26-15: FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from Madison County Transit (MCT) in the amount of \$500,000.00 for a proposed trail project titled: “MCT Confluence Trail” Reconstruction and Connector (4044)

Director Greenstreet made a motion, seconded by Director Randolph, to approve new business items F-K 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

- l) Resolution 26-16: FY27 Priority Paths Grant Request for Madison County Transit (MCT) in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 for a proposed trail project titled: MCT Mid County Connector (4045).

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Greenstreet, to approve Resolution 26-16 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

- m) Report from Edward J. Szewczyk, Attorney No report was given.

XI. Adjournment

At 11:49 a.m. President Achenbach asked to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rene’ St. Peters, Administrative Assistant