

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Tuesday, September 8, 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 Randy Randolph, St. Clair County Bryan Werner, Executive Director Cole Preston, Grant Coordinator Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant
Absent	Jon Greenstreet, St. Clair County George Markezich, St. Clair County Edward J. Szewczyk, Attorney

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Randolph, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2026, meeting as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

V. Consent Agenda

Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Kane, 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	Absent	George Markezich	Absent	Randy Randolph	Aye

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

VI. Finance

a) Director Wheaton made a motion, seconded by Director Kane, to approve the August 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
Jon Greenstreet Absent

Jerry Kane Aye
George Markezich Absent

Linda Wheaton Aye
Randy Randolph Aye

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 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

IX. New Business

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

- a) FY26 Park and Trail Grant Reimbursement Request from the Roxana Community Park District in the amount of \$150,000.00 for their completed park project titled: "Burbank Park Revitalization, Phase 2" (4030).
- b) FY26 Park and Trail Grant Reimbursement Request from the Tri-Township Park District in the amount of \$25,807.56 for their completed park project titled: "Park & Trail Safety Camera Network" (4032).

Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Wheaton, to approve new business items A & B as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach Aye
Jon Greenstreet Absent

Jerry Kane Aye
George Markezich Absent

Linda Wheaton Aye
Randy Randolph Aye

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

- c) FY27 Event Sponsorship Grant Request from the Emma L. Wilson King Foundation in the amount of \$2,500.00 for their upcoming EMMAFEST Community 5K Walk and Wellness event taking place at Jones Park in East St. Louis on October 3, 2026.

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Randolph, to approve new business item C as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach Aye
Jon Greenstreet Absent

Jerry Kane Aye
George Markezich Absent

Linda Wheaton Aye
Randy Randolph Aye

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

- d) Resolution 26-17: FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from the City of Belleville in the amount of \$350,048.00 for a proposed trail project titled: "N. Douglas Avenue Multimodal Bicycle-Pedestrian Corridor" (4046).
- e) Resolution 26-18: FY27 Park and Trail Grant request from the Horner Park District for \$11,353.00 to complete the proposed "Pavilion #2 Replacement and Amenity Update" park improvement project (4047).

- f) Resolution 26-19: FY27 Park and Trail Grant request from the City of O'Fallon for \$500,000.00 to complete the proposed "North Greenmount Trail" project (4048).
- g) Resolution 26-20: Contingent - FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from Stookey Township in the amount of \$250,000.00 for a proposed park project titled: "Stookey Athletic Park Restrooms" (4049).
- h) Resolution 26-21: FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from the City of Mascoutah in the amount of \$250,000.00 for a proposed park improvement project titled: "Without Limits Playground" (4050).

Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Wheaton, to approve the New Business items D through H as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

- i) Report from Edward J. Szewczyk, Attorney – No report.

X. Adjournment

At 11:45a.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