METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Tuesday, October 13, 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

Bryan Werner, Executive Director
Cole Preston, Grant Coordinator
Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant
Edward J. Szewczyk, Attorney - entered the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Absent Randy Randolph, St. Clair County

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

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

Director Greenstreet made a motion, seconded by Director Markezich, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2026, meeting as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

V. **Consent Agenda**

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Markezich, to approve the consent agenda items A-E as presented on pages 4-24.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

VI. **Finance**

a) Director Wheaton made a motion, seconded by Director Kane, to approve the September 2026 payments and claims for MEPRD as presented on pages 25-28 and for MMMP as presented on page 29.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 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 0.

a) FY26 Park and Trail Grant Reimbursement Request from the City of Highland in the amount of $89,700.00 for their completed park project titled: *"Spindler Park Pickleball Courts" (4031*).
b) FY26 Park and Trail Grant Reimbursement Request from St. Clair County in the amount of $150,000.00 for their completed park project titled: *"Engelmann Park Walking Trail" (4029*).
c) FY25 Park and Trail Grant Reimbursement Request from the SCCTD in the amount of $300,000.00 for their completed park project titled: "*SCCTD MetroBikeLink Extension" (3995).*
d) FY24 Park and Trail Grant Reimbursement Request from the City of Collinsville in the amount of $100,000.00 for their completed park project titled: *"Glidden Park Inclusive Playground" (3989).*
e) FY26 Community Planning Grant Reimbursement Request from the Village of Maryville in the amount of $25,357.02 for their completed park project titled: *"Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan" (4016)*
f) FY27 Event Sponsorship Grant Request from the City of Belleville in the amount of $2,500.00 for event titled "Gingerbread 5K Run/Walk 2026, to be held on December 5, 2026.
g) FY27 Event Sponsorship Grant Request from the City of Highland in the amount of $2,500.00 for event titled, "Gobble Hobble 2026, to be held on November 26, 2026.
h) Resolution 26-22: FY27 Community Planning Grant Request from the Freeburg Park District in the amount of $20,000.00 for project titled "*Community Parks Master Plan (4051).*
i) Resolution 26-23: FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from St. Clair Township in the amount of $112,170.78 for project titled *"Wolf Branch Park Tennis/Pickleball Improvements (4052*).
j) Resolution 26-24: FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from the Village of Millstadt in the amount of $27,199.77 for project titled *"Millstadt Ball Diamond Playground Resurfacing (4053).*
k) Resolution 26-25: FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from the City of Collinsville in the amount of $338,128.00 for project titled *"Woodland Park to Glidden Park Shared-Use Path, Phase 1 (4054).*
l) Resolution 26-26: FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from the Village of Swansea in the amount of $61,680.00 for project titled *"Richland Creek Trail Bridge Deck Replacement (4055)*
m) Resolution 26-27: FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from the Village of Pontoon Beach in the amount of $252,912.95 for project titled *"Jamie Lynn Pagano Memorial Park Regional Trail Connection (4056).*
n) Resolution 26-28: FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from the City of Madison in the amount of $208,937.98 for project titled *"Madison Rec Center Parking & Accessibility Improvements (4057).*
o) Resolution 26-29: FY27 Park and Trail Grant Request from the Village of Marine in the amount of $74,492.36 for project titled *"Marine Village Park Parking & Accessibility Improvements (4058).*

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

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 1 Abstain Motion Carried

Director Markezich made a motion, seconded by Director Wheaton, to approve new business items A, B, D, and E as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

Director Wheaton made a motion, seconded by Director Markezich, to approve new business items F and G as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

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

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

Director Greenstreet made a motion, seconded by Director Markezich, to approve the new business items I through O as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

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

X. Adjournment

At 11:55 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