

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois
Tuesday, August 12, 2025

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
 George Markezich, St. Clair County

 Bryan Werner, Executive Director
 Cole Preston, Grant Coordinator
 Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant
 Edward J. Szewczyk, Attorney

Absent Jon Greenstreet, St. Clair County
 Randy Randolph, St. Clair County

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

IV. Election of Officers

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

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

Voice Vote All ayes No nays Motion carried.

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

Voice Vote All ayes No nays Motion carried.

President Markezich began chairing the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

V. Approval of Minutes

Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Kane, to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2025, meeting as presented.

Voice Vote All ayes No nays Motion carried.

VI. Consent Agenda

Director Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Wheaton, to approve the consent agenda items A-E as presented on pages 4-43.

Voice Vote All ayes No nays Motion carried

VII. Finance

a) Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Wheaton, to approve MEPRD's payments and claims for June and July 2025 as presented on pages 44-52 and MMMP's payments and claims for June and July 2025 as presented on pages 53-56.

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 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 provided an overview of new business items A through M.

- a) FY23 Community Planning Grant Reimbursement Request from the City of Belleville in the amount of \$29,000.00 for their completed Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan project.
- b) FY26 Event Sponsorship Grant request from the SIUE Foundation in the amount of \$2,500.00 for their upcoming SIUE Cougars Unleashed Homecoming Run (2025) event scheduled for 9/27/2025.
- c) FY26 Event Sponsorship Grant request from the Village of Millstadt in the amount of \$2,500.00 for their upcoming Millstadt 37th Annual Parks Biathlon & 5K event scheduled for 9/14/2025.

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

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

- d) Resolution 25-15: FY26 Park and Trail Grant request from the St. Clair County Transit District (SCCTD) in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the project titled: Fairview Heights – Swansea Trail, Phase 3.

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

Roll Call Vote

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

3 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 1 Abstain Motion Carried

- e) Resolution 25-16: FY26 Park and Trail Grant request from the City of Fairview Heights in the amount of \$148,926.92 for the project titled: St. Ellen Trail, Phase 4.
- f) Resolution 25-17: FY26 Park and Trail Grant request from Jarvis Township in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the project titled: Silver Creek Trail, Phase 4.
- g) Resolution 25-18: FY26 Park and Trail Grant request from the Village of Maryville in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the project titled: Firemen's Park Improvements.
- h) Resolution 25-19: FY26 Park and Trail Grant contingent request from the City of Wood River in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the project titled: IL-147 Shared Use Path, Phase 1.
- i) Resolution 25-20: FY26 Park and Trail Grant request from the Village of Glen Carbon in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the project titled: Schon Park Improvements, Phase 3.
- j) Resolution 25-21: FY26 Park and Trail Grant request from the Village of Millstadt in the amount of \$17,764.80 for the project titled: Millstadt Municipal Pool Sunshades.
- k) Resolution 25-22: FY26 Park and Trail Grant request from Madison County Transit in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the project titled: MCT Nature Trail Reconstruction.
- l) Resolution 25-23: FY26 Park and Trail Grant request from Freeburg Park District in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the project titled: Ballfields #1 through #4 Lighting Replacement.
- m) Resolution 25-24: FY26 Park and Trail Grant request from the Village of Hamel in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the project titled: Hamel Heroes Park.

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

Roll Call Vote

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

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

Executive Director Bryan Werner provided an overview of new business item N.

- n) Resolution 25-25: Approval of an Engineering Services Agreement with Juneau Associates, Inc., P.C. for the MWMMP and Gateway Geyser DCEO capital project grants and corresponding state appropriations.

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

Roll Call Vote

Mark Achenbach Aye

Jerry Kane Aye

Linda Wheaton Aye

Jon Greenstreet Absent

George Markezich Aye

Randy Randolph Absent

4 Ayes 0 Nays 2 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

o) Report from Edward J. Szewczyk, Attorney

No report for the month.

XI. Adjournment

At 12:04 p.m. President Markezich asked to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rene' St. Peters, Administrative Assistant