

**METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT**  
104 United Drive, Collinsville, Illinois  
**Tuesday, October 14, 2025**

**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            entered the meeting at 11:11 a.m.  
                         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 Kane made a motion, seconded by Director Achenbach, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025, meeting as presented.**

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

**V. Consent Agenda**

**Director Wheaton made a motion, seconded by Director Randolph, to approve the consent agenda items A-E as presented on pages 4-25.**

Roll Call Vote

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

5 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstain Motion Carried

**VI. Finance**

**a) Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Wheaton, to approve September 2025 payments and claims for MEPRD as presented on pages 26-30 and for MMMP as presented on page 31.**

Roll Call Vote

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

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 No old business was discussed.

Director Greenstreet entered the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

## IX. New Business

Executive Director Bryan Werner presented new business item A. After Director Werner provided a summary of the proposed program amendments, additional revisions were discussed by the Board. Based on that feedback, the Board decided to table the item so the additional amendments could be incorporated into the resolution and be presented again at the next meeting.

- a) Resolution 25-31: Amendments to the FY26 Priority Paths Grant Program.

**Director Achenbach made a motion, seconded by Director Kane, to table new business item A.**

Voice Vote All Ayes Motion Carried

Grant Coordinator Cole Preston provided an overview of new business items B through J.

- b) FY16 Park and Trail grant reimbursement request from the City of Troy in the amount of \$3,174.65 for their completed project titled "Spring Valley Road Shared-Use Path, Phase 1".
- c) FY23 Park and Trail grant reimbursement request from the City of Edwardsville the amount of \$200,000.00 for their completed project titled "IL-157 Shared-Use Path, Phase 5".
- d) FY24 Park and Trail grant reimbursement request from the City of Edwardsville the amount of \$66,604.51 for their completed project titled "Schwarz Street Shared-Use Path".
- e) FY25 Park and Trail grant reimbursement request from the City of Wood River in the amount of \$28,198.32 for their completed project titled "Wood River Recreation Center-Weight Equipment".
- f) FY26 Event Sponsorship Grant request from the City of Belleville in the amount of 2,500.00 for their upcoming Gingerbread 5K Run/Walk (2025) event taking place on December 6, 2025.
- g) Resolution 25-32: FY26 Park and Trail Grant request from the Tri-Township Park District in the amount of \$28,635.18 for a proposed park project titled: Park & Trail Safety Camera Network.
- h) Resolution 25-33: FY26 Park and Trail Grant request from the City of Edwardsville in the amount of \$300,000.00 for a proposed trail project titled: New Poag Road Shared-Use Path.
- i) Resolution 25-34: FY26 Park and Trail Grant request from the City of Collinsville in the amount of \$164,973.10 for a proposed trail project titled: Summit Avenue Shared-Use Path.

- j) Resolution 25-35: FY26 Park and Trail Grant request from the City of Highland in the amount of \$89,700.00 for a proposed park project titled: Spindler Park Pickleball Courts.

**Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Achenbach, to approve new business item B through J 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

Executive Director Bryan Werner provided an overview of new business items K through M.

- k) Resolution 25-36: Agreement with Midwest Trees, LLC for arboricultural consulting and a tree assessment for MEPRD's office.

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

Voice Vote All Ayes Motion Carried

- l) Resolution 25-37: Authorizing a Grant Application to St. Clair County's Funding Cycle 31 program to offset July 4<sup>th</sup> event expenses at MMMP.

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

Voice Vote All Ayes Motion Carried

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

**Director Randolph made a motion, seconded by Director Kane, not to release any executive session minutes per this required semiannual review.**

Voice Vote All Ayes Motion Carried

- n) Report from Edward J. Szewczyk, Attorney

Mr. Szewczyk provided a brief legal report pertaining to MEPRD.

**X. Executive Session**

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

No Executive Session was held.

**XI. Adjournment**

At 12:52 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