

Property & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman June Chartrand at 5:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken showing a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

June Chartrand, Chairman
C. David Tiedemann, Asst. Chairman
Lonnie Mosley
Angela Grossman-Roewe
John West
Ken Sharkey

Others Present:

Mark A. Kern, SCC Chairman
Mikie Wren, SCC Exec. Secretary
Chris Smith, Rhutasel
Herbert Simmons, Mayor E. Carondelet
Robert Allen, County Board Member
Robert Trentman, County Board Member

Members Absent:

Curtis Jones - Excused

There were no Public Comments or Questions made at this meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Sharkey to approve the Minutes from the March 23, 2015 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Mrs. Wren gave the Revenue Report received from MEPRD (\$77,577.62) St. Clair County's share. Breakdown of Revenues the Property & Receptions share is (\$38,788.81). Expenses for the month of April are (\$17,758.91). Balance available in the bank is (\$3,031,795.21).

A motion was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Mrs. Grossman-Roewe to approve the Revenue Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wren reports are as follows:

- Mr. Norman Touchette:
 - He is not here tonight but everyone has a copy of his Report that lists the visits to the various park sites.
- Silver Creek Preserve:
 - Mr. Isbell reported on April 4, 2015 ruts have again been made in the grassy median by doing donuts in the grass and that the grass was ready to be cut. This information was forwarded to Mr. Maziarz and Mr. Touchette and they have addressed the problems. Mr. Isbell reported on April 17, 2015 that he had nothing new to report.

Mr. Maziarz is not here but he did advise us on the comments Mr. Isbell had about Silver Creek Preserve. Ameren has completely repaired the overhead structure, there is damage to the walking path and around the over look in the back of the preserve. Mr. Touchette is working with Ameren to restore

all areas to the original condition. Mowing cannot start until the ground dries. Mr. Isbell also refers to a park picnic table being damaged. The cost of a new table would be (\$1,000.00). The new ADA dock is complete and the old dock is near the hard wall restroom building and will be removed in the near future. This dock cannot be relocated to any other County facility because it is not ADA compliant. The rutting will be left as it is and the electrical pole still has not been replaced. This is Mr. Maziarz response to the comments.

➤ Trinity Services:

- Brandy at Mike Lowry's office reported on April 17, 2015 that his residents are still doing clean up at Silver Creek Preserve four days a week as weather permits.

➤ St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission:

- The usual completion of projects, requests for extensions and payment of invoices for Cycles 20 and 21 have been processed during the last month.

Ms. Chartrand asked Mrs. Wren to send pizza to the Trinity Services again this month.

Chairman Kern said a developer wants to buy the farm portion of land on St. Ellen Mine Park to put houses on. He wants this committee to know that information. Chairman Kern said that he was reporting to the Property & Recreation Committee. A discussion was held on the property.

Mr. Chris Smith from Rhutasel has received several e-mails on the Dog Park met with IDOT to discuss if this is feasible SCC will just have to get the ball rolling. I was told that they do not own the property. The property is to be used for right of way only. Now St. Clair County wants to do something that is not road way oriented. However it was said that maybe SCC can get what is called a landscape permit. They do not want the area to be fully enclosed then it will no longer be considered public, it will become more private in their mind. SCC will be allowed to fence along Highway 15 so that if an animal gets away the fence would keep them from heading to the highway. It is debatable to put a fire hydrant on the property without being able to have some sort of mechanism to lock it up. There is still a debate about the trees. The area is so thick with trees it is hard to get an idea on how many trees should be removed to open it up for the Animal Services building. This project will need to be done on a step by step process. SCC will be issued a Landscape permit to do clearing of brush and all the under growth so that we can see what we really have and make a determination of what the law allows us to do. There is no guarantee that SCC can do everything that they want to.

Chairman Kern said that SCC will continue to pursue this Dog Park. Maybe if we can remove some of the brush they will get a better idea of what we need.

There were questions asked about the project and they were answered by Mr. Smith.

A motion was made by Mr. West and seconded by Mrs. Grossman-Roewe to approve all the reports given by Mrs. Wren, and Chris Smith, Rhutasel. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Sharkey and seconded by Mrs. Grossmann-Roewe to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

June Chartrand, Chairman
Property and Recreation Committee

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