

Property & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman June Chartrand at 5:32 p.m. Roll Call was taken showing a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

June Chartrand, Chairman
C. David Tiedemann, Asst. Chairman
Lonnie Mosley
Curtis Jones
John West
Ken Sharkey

Others Present:

Mikie Wren, SCC Exec. Secretary
Sid LeGrand, Rhutasel
Herb Simmons, 9-1-1 / EMA

Members Absent:

Angela Grossman-Roewe

A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Dr. Jones, to approve the Minutes from the July 20, 2015 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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

REPORTS

Mrs. Wren gave the Revenue Report for Property & Recreation. This month from the MEPRD St. Clair County share was (\$93,026.83), Property and Recreation share of that was (\$46,634.92) Expenses for this month (\$14,325.69). We now have a balance of (\$3,173,289.85).

A motion was made by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Sharkey to approve the Revenue Report. Motion passed unanimously.

The reports from Mrs. Wren are as listed below:

- Mr. Norman Touchette:
 - You have the Reports of visits to the various park sites and Mr. Norman Touchette will not be here this evening.
- Silver Creek Preserve:
 - Mr. Isbell reported on August 14, 2015 that he has cleaned numerous instances sexual graffiti off the restroom walls at the preserve. Mr. Isbell further reported that along the trail there is permanent painted graffiti at several locations, notably on the old metal stanchions what were partially destroyed 6 or 7 years ago that are spaced along the trail. There is graffiti on the metal railing at the Silver Creek overlook and at one picnic table pavilion at the overlook. The word painted in several places is "Cyclops" and Mr. Isbell is unable to remove this paint.
- Trinity Services:
 - Sarah of Mike Lowry's office at Trinity Services reported on August 19, 2015 that the residents are still doing clean up at Silver Creek Preserve two to three 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. The St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission applications for Cycle 22 have been received and Chairman Simmons will report on the recommendations of the St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission.

Ms. Chartrand asked if the first paragraph of the Silver Creek Preserve report be addressed. Mr. Tiedemann said he does not know who we could get to take the graffiti off. Having graffiti out there just makes it worse. Ms. Chartrand said that from what she has read the paint does not cover it. Chairman Kern asked where are they putting the graffiti. Mr. Tiedemann said that the graffiti is mainly on the trail the way it sounds on the bridges and the boards on the overlook are metal and then on a park bench evidentially. Chairman Kern said that normally you can power wash the graffiti off when I say you I don't mean you I do mean a person can do that. We can find someone that could do that maybe someone who works for the County. Mr. Tiedemann said the graffiti needs to be covered up or taken out all it does is invites more people to continue the process. We take the graffiti off if it happens at the Court House so I assume they know how to remove it. I just need to know if they have a gasoline powered washer then they spray it with graffiti remover. Ms. Chartrand asked Mrs. Wren to follow up on the information given by the Chairman to the Public Building Commission. Chairman Kern said to let us try and find someone first and if we can't we will come back next month and we will have to hire someone. Chairman Kern said that when Mr. Charles Lee was on this board Pizzas were bought and sent to Trinity Services does the Committee periodically do that. The answer was yes. Chairman Kern said that it was good.

Ms. Chartrand said that Mr. Chris Smith did not have a report and asked if it would be alright if he had something else going tonight that he could not be here and hopes there is no problem with that.

Mrs. Wren said that we have three bids in front of you Mr. Scott Flood has received three bids for the tree removal.

1. Meurer Brother -	\$ 7,850.00
2. Hudson Tree Service	\$15,925.00
3. Lillis Lawn & Landscaping -	\$ 6,000.00

The low bid is Lillis Lawn & Landscaping for (\$6,000.00) is there any discussion to be had.

Ms. Chartrand asked for a motion to approve the lowest tree cutting bid for Engelmann Farm. A motion was made by Dr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Mosley. Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion on the bids made and presented to the Property & Recreation Committee.

A motion was made by Dr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve all the Reports given. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Chartrand called for Mayor Herb Simmons to report. Mayor Simmons reported that on August 13, 2015 the St. Clair County Parks Grants Commission met and received twenty-five

applications for park grants at this time we recommend twenty-three of the park applications be submitted to you for approval. The twenty-three applications total (\$637,782.56) there was two other applications that came in late they were not reviewed. I want to note to the board that we have approved 261 applications since January, 2002 totaling (\$6,381,992.79). All of the parks in St. Clair County have been funded multiple times.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Mr. Sharkey to approve the SCCPG funding for Cycle 22 totaling (\$6,381,992.79). Motion passed

Copy of the funding list from SCCPG Commission has been attached.

Ms. Chartrand said that originally she called it was for all parks to have signage, rules and hours for each park that we are maintaining need to be done; I need approval for that any there any question?

A motion was made by Mr. West and seconded by Dr. Jones to approve signage, rules and hours for each park. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tiedemann said that at some point and time the Engelmann Farm around the trail needs to be mowed. There are 70 acres of grass I am afraid if we do not mow that once a year it could start getting a lot of saplings and stuff overgrowing. The mowing can be done in the winter. To keep all the invasive trees out we will have to mow at least once a year an annual mowing. Maybe we can ask Mr. John Harriman as he is the one who seeded that area. We can possibly get a recommendation from Mr. Harriman on some kind of maintenance plan that we can look at. We can then put the information on our agenda next month. Ms. Chartrand said she needed to make sure mowing is legal.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Mr. West to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

June Chartrand, Chairman
Property and Recreation Committee

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