

Property & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes **February 17, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by Asst. Chairman C. David Tiedemann at 5:30 p.m. Roll Call was taken showing a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Mikie Wren, SCC Exec. Secretary
Mark A. Kern, SCC Chairman
Chris Smith, Rhutasel
Herbert Simmons, Mayor E. Carondelet
Norman Touchette, Foley Park
Ted Horn,
Fred Boch, County Board Member

Members Absent:

June Chartrand, Chairman
Curtis Jones

A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mrs. Grossman-Roewe to approve the Minutes from the January 20, 2015 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the Minutes from the January 26, 2015 Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no Public Comments / Question at this Meeting.

REPORTS

Mrs. Wren gave the Revenue Report. She only has expenses this month the Park District money has not come in yet to be distributed. The expenses are (\$45,304.93) which is a larger amount than normal but is due to the dock expenses at St. Ellen Mine. The remaining balance is (\$2,916,834.76) as of February 17, 2015.

A motion was made by Mrs. Grossman-Roewe and seconded by Mr. Mosley to receive and place on file Revenue Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wren reports are as follows:

- Mr. Touchette:
 - The report of the visits to the various park sites were handed out he is here if there are any questions.
- Silver Creek Preserve:
 - Mr. Isbell reported on February 13, 2015 that all is good at Silver Creek Preserve other than the normal rutting from cars driving on the grass.

➤ Trinity Services:

- Mike Lowry's office at Trinity Services reported on February 13, 2015 that the residents are still doing clean up at Silver Creek Preserve a couple of 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.

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

Mr. Chris Smith gave his report. The concrete work has been completed and signed off by Sitton Group. The weather does not permit doing the concreting yet. There is some miscellaneous seeding that has to be done as well.

A discussion with Mr. Tiedemann and Mr. Chris Smith was held on the Engelmann Farm trail. Mr. Tiedemann stated that at Engelmann Farm on the trail the loop is holding up very well with the winter weather but those first hundred feet going from the parking lot down to where the trail splits there is a couple of spots where the edge gets washed off the liner or whatever you call it. Other than that the rest of the trail is holding up very well. Mr. Smith said Ms. Chartrand has been sent a list of items for her review and that is one of the items on the list. We have been out to the area at least a half dozen times where the pavement or some minor ditch working or the combination of the two is needed. Question is if the trail is now open to the public and has it been dedicated? Mr. Tiedemann said that the trail has not been dedicated but it is just open. IDNR Jan Nations sent over a post completion form and said that everything is fine. There is a little confusion whether the IDNR sign was posted but it is posted on the wooden post as you come into the gate. Jan Nations stated St. Clair County is fine until year 2017 and then there is another thing that will have to be filled out. Mr. Tiedemann said that people are using the trail in the parking lot but the Engelmann Farm is not complete.

Chairman Kern said SCC really wants this property preserved, the public needs to use it. There is a cemetery in middle of this and it has to be figured out how to open this park up a little bit or whether we are letting a lot of people there. We need to preserve the trails and security wise we have got to figure this out. SCC does not own the cemetery and the cemetery owner does not want anything to do with the County, they seem to be worried about SCC but I would be more worried about who was building around the cemetery. Chairman Kern states that at one point when this area is all opened up SCC will need to get a decent amount of people out there. Discussion continued Chairman Kern said the State should have let SCC close the area off and not made us put a trail there but that is part of the stipulation for getting the State grant divided properly.

A motion was made by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the report from Mr. Chris Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tiedemann stated that in the Property & Recreation Committee Special Meeting the Engineering Proposal was approved. This does not require a motion just sign off for this.

A motion was made by Mr. Sharkey and seconded by and seconded by Mrs. Grossman-Roewe to approve paying the Heartland Membership Fee for (\$500.00). Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. West to adjourn at 5:51 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

C. David Tiedemann, Chairman
Property and Recreation Committee

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