

Property & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes **January 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
Curtis Jones
John West

Others Present:

Mikie Wren, SCC Exec. Secretary
Mark A. Kern, SCC Chairman
Chris Smith, Rhutasel
Herbert Simmons, Mayor E. Carondelet
Barb Taylor, Green Space Foundation
Scott Flood, Public Building Commission
Robert Allen, County Board Member
Robert Trentman, County Board Member
Fred Boch, County Board Member
Donna Dougherty

There were no Public Comments / Question at this Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Mrs. Wren gave the Revenue Report. Funds disbursed from MEPRD to St. Clair County totaled (\$44,201.82). The expenses from 12-16-14 to 01-20-15 were (\$16,801.18) leaving a cash balance of (\$2,959,765.76).

A motion was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the Revenue Report and place it on file. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wren reported that:

- Mr. Touchette:
 - You have the report of the visits to the various park sites. Mr. Touchette will not be here today. If there are questions direct them to Mr. Touchette.
- Silver Creek Preserve:
 - Mr. Isbell reported on January 16, 2015 that all is good at Silver Creek Preserve.
- Trinity Services:
 - Mike Lowry's office at Trinity Services reported on January 16, 2015 that the residents are still doing clean up at Silver Creek Preserve three to 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.

Mr. Chris Smith reported on the dock at St. Ellen Park which is about 90% complete he is waiting for some material to come in this week and the project will be completed by next week, everything except the seeding. Ms. Chartrand asked if Mr. Smith responded to the letter from Mr. Harryman. He is to submit a new contract to St. Clair County. The contract is for Engelmann and the work on the invasive species. Mr. Harryman told Mr. Smith that he is still working on costs and so forth; there is still work to do at Silver Creek Preserve and quite a bit of work has already been done. Ms. Chartrand said that Mr. Harryman is the only entity working on invasive species in both parks. Mrs. Wren was asked about the lady from McKendree College. Mr. Tiedemann said that the lady from McKendree was doing studies and not actual work.

Mr. Scott Flood reported that he sees on Mr. Touchette's report that someone was contracted in the middle of the night about a pole being knocked down and Illinois Power went out there to do something about it. The meter was pulled and turned so that no power would go into the homes. Mr. Flood is using the contractor that SCC uses A-Age Electric. He needs to know if SCC just wants it repaired or should he go out for bids. Mr. Flood needs the approval of the Property & Recreation Committee to have the repairs done. He received a bid for the St. Ellen Mine Park Proposal from A-Age Electrical that will cost (\$4,100.00).

Mr. Scott reported on the other house out at Engelmann Farm. He had a terrible time getting bids for anyone that paints houses. He called several painters; you cannot find painters that paint outside wood structures. The bid received includes power washing and painting the house. Painters will start work when it starts to warm up. Mr. Flood received a Proposal from Helfrich Painting that will cost (\$13,524.00).

A motion was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Mr. West to approve the proposals from A-Age Electrical for (\$4,100.00) and Helfrich Painting for (\$13,524.00). Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was held on a Walking Trail for the Animal Adoption Center. Chairman Mark Kern said that there are two issues associated with this. 1) It is very hard to see where the building is when you are on Highway 15, because there are trees growing up in the safe right-away. 2) There is really no place to walk down 11th Street and there are no sidewalks on 11th Street and they have to navigate with all the traffic. The idea that we could possibly work with IDOT to come up with a plan to use the triangular piece of property across the street from the Animal Adoption Center that is a safe right-away from Illinois 15 but perhaps we can turn it into a walking area that maybe this Committee would fence the property in and maybe run a water line through with water for the animals. But in order to start we need engineering work done or at least an initial drawing to present to IDOT to see if there is something that they will look favorably upon. IDOT said it is a good idea but they need to see a drawing and that some trees may need to be removed which would mean replanting trees elsewhere.

Chairman Kern asked Mr. Chris Smith from Rhutasel to come up with a plan for this project. IDOT has been forthright in saying they want to work with SCC but we will have to show them what we want. The grounds are hilly and now would be the time to work on that. The only other area that you can put a walking area is behind Animal Control but you would have to cross a creek and build a bridge to do so. The creek tends to rise and the neighbors on the top of the hills do not like the barking dogs. I think this would be a good spot and good advertising for the Adoption Center. The Animal Control and the Humane Society will both be using the Walking Trail to walk the dogs. Ms. Chartrand likes the idea and asked if the Committee has questions for the Chairman. Ms. Chartrand asked Rhutasel to draw up a plan for the Animal Adoption Center Walking Trail and present it to the Property & Recreation Committee. A commitment is needed from the Committee tonight that Mr. Chris Smith will do the work and report back to the Committee. The Chairman wants to get started and maybe open this trail by the fall. Fencing will be around the entire area that will be used.

A motion was made by Mrs. Grossmann-Roewe and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve a request for the Rhutasel Engineering Proposal for the Animal Adoption Center Walking Trail, and a Special Property & Recreation Committee Meeting at 6:55 p.m. on Monday January 26, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. West and seconded by Mrs. Grossmann-Roewe to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

June Chartrand, Chairman
Property and Recreation Committee

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