

Property & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2016

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
Curtis Jones
Lonnie Mosley
Kenneth Sharkey
John West
Angela Grossman-Roewe

Others Present:

Mark A. Kern, SCC Chairman
Mikie Wren, SCC Exec. Secretary
Robert Allen, County Board Member
Terry Beach, IGD
Tim Pruett, Rhutasel
Herbert Simmons, 9-1-1 / EMA
Ken Easterley, County Board
Joseph Bustos, News Democrat

Members Absent:

C. David Tiedemann, Asst. Chairman

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no Public Comments or Question at this Meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Sharkey to approve the Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

The Revenue Report was given by Mrs. Wren. The Report shows that on last month we had not received the Revenue Report payment from the Metro East Park & Recreation District so we received two this month. One in the amount of \$61,665.29 and today your share of it is \$38,047.63. The expenses this month were \$26,420.24, the cash balance as of today is \$3,387,890.71.

A motion was made by Mr. Westand seconded by Mrs. Grossmann-Roeweto approve the Revenue Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wren reported:

- Mr. Touchette:
Report lists the visits to the various park sites. Mr. Touchette is ill and is not here today. If there are questions we can forward them to him.
- Silver Creek Preserve:
Mr. Isbell reported on April 15, 2016 that all is well at Silver Creek Preserve and he had nothing to report.
- Trinity Services:
Brandy of Mike Lowry's Office at Trinity Services reported on April 15, 2016 that the residents are still doing clean up at Silver Creek Preserve two to three days a week as weather permits.

- **Engelmann Farm:**
Complaint was received on April 7, 2016 from a Bruce Mullett regarding the pathways being overgrown in grass and a washed out area at the beginning of the parking lot. Mr. Touchette advised that the washed out area was being addressed. Mr. John Hughes contacted Mr. Mullett and advised Mr. Mullett how the matter was being addressed regarding the mowing. Mr. Mullett was satisfied with the explanation.
- **St. Ellen Mine:**
On April 13, 2016, Kevin McDaniel, Director of the Clean Sweep Program, advised that he was able to clean up the trash at St. Ellen.
- **St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission:**
This usual completion of projects, requests for extensions and payment of invoices for Cycles 21 and 22 have been processed during the last month.

Mrs. Chartrand asked if all the stuff that had been dumped over the fence been cleaned up. Mrs. Wren said she did not know how it was done but everything was removed. The hot tub was already gone it has been removed since the 13th of April. Chairman Kern said to keep an eye on that area once it has been cleaned try and keep it cleaned up.

Mrs. Chartrand said that Mr. Pruett could not make it to this meeting; Mikie said he did not give her a report for the committee but met with the Chairman on the Dog Park.

Chairman Kern showed a drawing of the Dog Park to give an idea on what the park will look like. Mr. Pruett did help us he was a big part of the crew. Chairman Kern heard that the paper stated we should get the prisoners to help. The prisoners were there and they worked with us and they did do a lot of the work. It is now to the point where we are going to be pulling out the stumps if it does not rain too much tonight and tomorrow. I have asked this committee to approve an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 for seed and straw. I think we will be able to get the trees, the 55 dogwoods were donated and then we will have plans to plant them and we will run a hose across the street to water them with. We will then wait to go out for bids on the fence and probably around August or so when we get some decent grass for which we are going to keep our fingers crossed, then we will put the fence in and hope for a Fall opening at the Park. We will give the grass a chance to get a good stand because with dogs in there they are tough on the turf. We may use some of the existing county employees to plant the trees. We will see if the Sheriff will allow the prisoners to help. Mr. Easterley has had a lot of experience with yard work. Mr. Easterley replied that he has planted a lot of trees. We will extend the level line across the street from Animal Control where this little drive way comes through so that we have a hydrant for dogs to get water and be able to water the grass.

A motion was made by Dr. West and seconded by Dr. Jones to approve report given by Mrs. Wren and Chairman Kern to purchase grass seeds and straw not to exceed \$3,000.00.

A motion was made by Dr. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Grossmann-Roewe to approve payment of bill to:

Rhutasel & Associates, Inc. – (\$1,000.00)

Mr. Vernier said that Mr. Tiedemann will not be attending the meeting today and that they have talked about the donation that was requested for the Cahokia Mounds and it was said that Mr. Buehlhorn would try to submit a payment from the funds that they have. I did call him and I talked with the Chairman to make sure it was okay and he said unfortunately they cannot do any donations for that type of thing. He said that if it comes to bricks, construction or whatever he could and he was willing to come tonight and say that. They are trying to get the mounds as a national monument or national park service. Madison County has given \$25,000.00 towards the expenses involved.

Mr. West said that Mr. Dennis Renner had two strokes about a month ago. He is home now but he is rehabilitating. Mrs. Chartrand asked that I pick up a card and maybe we can all sign it the Property & Recreation Committee and our Chairman.

A motion was made by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Mosley to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

June Chartrand, Chairman
Property and Recreation Committee

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