

Property & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes **February 22, 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
C. David Tiedemann, Asst. Chairman
Lonnie Mosley
Angela Grossman-Roewe
Curtis Jones
Kenneth Sharkey
John West

Others Present:

Mikie Wren, SCC Exec. Secretary
Mark A. Kern, SCC Chairman
Terry Beach, IGD
Herbert Simmons, 9-1-1 / EMA
Ken Easterley, County Board
Fred Boch, County Board
Joseph Bustos, News Democrat

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Chartrand shared with the committee that Mr. Ted Horn one of the members of the Sierra Club passed away. Over the years Mr. Horn has attended a lot of our meetings. She wanted to mention his death and give his family condolences from the committee.

There were no Public Comments / Question at this Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. West to approve the Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wren gave the Revenue Report. Funds disbursed from MEPRD to St. Clair County totaled (\$182,387.85). The Property & Recreation Committee portion of that amount was (\$91,193.93). The total expenses are (\$44,187.52). The expenses are higher this time and the reason being is some of the Sheriff's Deputies were moved to that line item to patrol the parks. The cash balance as of February 22, 2016 is (\$3,518,389.49). Some of the expenses are for the Sheriff's Department and the other ones are money that we have paid out for the SCC Parks Grant Commission projects. Mrs. Wren will check, with Mrs. Krummrich to find out what share of the expenses the Sheriff's Department will receive each month.

Ms. Chartrand stated that the Sheriff's Department will come to the park at different times throughout the hours.

A motion was made by Mr. West and seconded by Mrs. Grossmann-Roewe to approve the Revenue Report and place it on file. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wren reported:

- Mr. Touchette has two reports one from January 19, 2016:
You have the report of the visits to the various park sites. If there are questions Mr. Touchette is here.

Ms. Chartrand asked Mr. Touchette if the flooded area has been cleaned since the flood. Mr. Touchette responded that the area had been cleaned. He also said that when it dries enough the truck will be taken there and the concrete slabs will be pulled off so he can get to the septic tank. Mr. Tiedemann asked if the building went under water. Mr. Touchette said that the building was three feet under water. Mr. Tiedemann stated that the septic tank was pumped out before for the first time a couple of years ago. Mr. Touchette said that 27 rabbits were found 6 feet up in the trees that died because of the flood.

- Silver Creek Preserve:
Mr. Isbell reported on January 15, 2016 that all is well at Silver Creek Preserve. The only clean up remaining from the flood is pumping out the restrooms.
- Trinity Services:
Mike Lowry's office at Trinity Services reported on January 15, 2016 that the residents are still doing clean up at Silver Creek Preserve two or three days a week as weather permits.
- Engelmann Farm:
The County Board Office received a request from an individual who uses the walking trail that a sign be posted on the walking trail for persons walking their dogs to clean up after them. Mr. Touchette was notified of this request and is having it posted.

Mr. Touchette will be posting the sign shortly. Mr. Tiedemann asked if there was a whole set of rules being worked on for Engelmann. The answer they will be coming soon.

- St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission:
The usual completion of projects, requests for extensions and payment of invoices for Cycles 20 and 21 and 22 have been processed during the month of January.
- Mr. Touchette's February, 2016 Report that you also have a copy of if there are questions direct them to Mr. Touchette.
- Silver Creek Preserve:
Mr. Isbell reported on February 27, 2016 that all is well at Silver Creek Preserve with the exception of the sewage still needing to be pumped out of the restrooms and that has been addressed. Also there is still some graffiti on the overlook area in the back of the park that needs to be painted over plus on the support post of the picnic pavilion at the overlook area, plus the back of the sign in the parking lot all need to be painted.

Ms. Chartrand said that work will be completed when the weather is suitable for that type of work. Mrs. Wren said that Mr. Touchette has addressed all those items also.

- Trinity Services:
Mike Lowry's Office reported on February 22, 2016 that the residents are still doing clean ups at Silver Creek Preserve two to three days a week as weather permits.

➤ **Engelmann Farm:**

The County Board Office was notified on February 1, 2016 by Sgt. Donovan of the Shiloh Police Department that there was damage to the Engelmann Farm Walk T. Sgt. Donovan called later and he advised that he had contacted the young man who had done the damage and his father. Dr. Moore discussed the issue with Sgt. Donovan and the young man will make the repairs which were all physical. The young man's father was totally in agreement.

➤ **St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission:**

The usual completion of projects, requests for extensions and payment of invoices for Cycles 20 and 21 and 22 have been processed during the last month.

Ameren has put up a gate around the ditch that they had built out there at Silver Creek Preserve. There is a fence around that and Mr. Isbell will have a key and it has nothing to do with access to the park for visitors or to the Sportsman's Club. For the people that come in to use it. It has nothing to do with that. This is all from Ameren when they came in and put up a tower I think.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Ms. Sharkey to approve the reports given by Ms. Wren. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Chartrand has an invoice for (\$632.00) for cable 2 inch line and re-piped drain line for sink to remove obstruction at Engelmann home the first house near entrance. Mrs. Wren said that PBC went out and looked at the work to make sure that it should be taken care of because it had something to do with the structure of the house.

A motion was made by Dr. Jones and seconded by Mrs. Grossmann-Roewe to approve payment of the bills from Midwest Plumbing & Backflow tore-pipe drain line total cost (\$632.00). Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tiedemann thought that if enough are interested in the Cahokia Mounds Area it could become a National Park and Heartland is spear heading this project. They are looking for money from our side to match. Maybe we can have Mr. Ed Welzbacher come and make a presentation in the next couple of months, if not it is not a big deal. I do think this project is a worthwhile endeavor. He is looking for about (\$25,000.00) match.

Chairman Kern said that we are certainly in support of that but I think going to Mr. Mike Buehlhorn's group where they get a larger portion of money for a regional project and Madison County has a stake in the Cahokia Mounds. I think it would make a lot of sense to go and try there and if they are unsuccessful that can come back and try here on a local level that is what I suggest. It is my understanding that the paper work was given to Senator Durbin and he is to take it to the White House to President Obama.

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

Respectfully submitted,

June Chartrand, Chairman
Property and Recreation Committee

JC/jj