

Property & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

June 20, 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
Kenneth Sharkey
John West

Members Absent:

Curtis Jones – Excused
Angela Grossman-Roewe – Excused

Others Present:

Mark A. Kern, SCC Chairman
Debra Moore, Director of Admin.
Mikie Wren, SCC Exec. Secretary
Tim Pruett, Rhutasel
Norman Touchette
Herbert Simmons, 9-1-1 / EMA
Carol Clark, County Board
Ken Easterley, County Board
Fred Boch, County Board
Joseph, Bustos, News Democrat

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no Public Comments or Question at this Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. Sharkey to approve the Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wren gave the Revenue Report. The check from Metro East Park & Recreation has not been received and has not been deposited. The expenses for this period is \$22,966.84, cash on hand as of June 20, 2016 is \$3,439,317.49.

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

Reports given by Mrs. Wren listed below:

- Mr. Touchette:
On the maintenance check list report listed are the visits to the various park sites. If there are questions Mr. Touchette is here.
- Silver Creek Preserve:
Mr. Isbell reported on June 16, 2016 that all is well at Silver Creek Preserve.

Regarding repair of the ruts in the island, Mr. Touchette has advised that to fill in the ruts we would have to contract with someone to haul dirt in to fill the ruts. Mr. Touchette also stated that a possible remedy would be to consider filling in the island area with chat or concrete. This too would require going out for bids.

- Trinity Services:
Brandy of Mike Lowry's Office at Trinity Services reported on June 13, 2016 that the residents are still doing clean up at Silver Creek Preserve two to three days a week as weather permits. The Committee provided pizza for lunch on Thursday, June 16, 2016 in appreciation of their assistance.
- St. Ellen Mine:
Regarding the reoccurring graffiti at St. Ellen, Mr. Touchette has recommended that we possibly look into anti-graffiti paint for the buildings. This paint enables you to clean the

graffiti from the buildings rather than repainting them. Scott Flood of PBC is getting bids for this paint for the Committee to consider.

- St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission:
The usual completion of projects, requests for extensions and payment of invoices for Cycles 22 have been processed during the last month.

Chairman Kern asked about Mr. Touchette's recommendation on repairing the ruts at Silver Creek Preserve. Mr. Touchette responded that the ruts have been an ongoing problem. Chairman Kern asked that an estimate be prepared for the rut repair and bring it back to the committee next month rather than just patch it up.

Mrs. Chartrand asked Mr. Pruett to move forward on the estimate for the rut repair at Silver Creek Preserve.

Mr. Pruett from Rhutasel reported that the park grant for this year it was mentioned that we should use it for the video surveillance system. He is going to prepare that and get it in the grants are somewhere between twenty five and thirty thousand dollar limit so I do not know for sure but I am betting that by doing all three parks we will be well over the thirty thousand.

A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. West to approve the Reports from Mrs. Wren and Mr. Pruett from Rhutasel. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Chartrand asked Dr. Moore to go over the matching support funds request for Cahokia Mounds Park. Dr. Moore states that she has been talking with the new CEO Ms. Judy Nelson. Mrs. Chartrand has also been talking to Ms. Nelson about the ongoing desire to elevate Cahokia Mounds which would be a wonderful opportunity to integrate that into the National System and takes away the responsibility for management and becomes a federal responsibility and a part of the federal park system. It should generate economic activity from a revenue generating perspective because it will be on the list people will visit and people will come to the area for that purpose. Heartland has been working for many years on this by using funds that have been privately donated and they are at a point now where those funding sources are suggesting that the governmental units would also be benefactors St. Clair County and Madison County to participate at a modest level. They are asking both St. Clair County and Madison County for \$25,000.00 for the year 2016 and for \$30,000.00 for the year 2017. Dr. Moore has indicated that they can come back in 2017 and make that request. We have that as part of the information that was provided by Ms. Nelson. It is a very viable project that seems to have a lot of momentum. Senator Durbin has already made a request to the President and to have it designated and it looks like it is on a very good course.

Chairman Kern states that they are an absolutely fantastic part of our heritage and our history and I believe it will be an even greater magnet for people to come to St. Clair County and I know Heartland is talking to Mrs. Chartrand about putting her on their board. It is nothing but a win for all of us. We are honored to work with Madison County and the State to make this a federal attraction.

Mrs. Chartrand said it is an honor to be asked to serve on the board and she will faithfully serve on that committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Mr. Mosley to approve the matching support funds (\$25,000.00) to elevate Cahokia Mounds as a unit of the National Park Service. Motion passed unanimously

Dr. Moore said that the park district had anticipated a grant from the State of Illinois but those grants did not come forward. They have pursued many other options United Way and others and

they want to really open the Splash Park at Kenneth Hall Park. They have support from the AmeriCorps for staff but they needed \$10,000.00 for equipment.

Chairman Kern said that we have done this before for the park district and we actually worked to try and get a new pool built at Lincoln Park the old Pop Myles Pool has been closed because it is old close to seventy years old. But in the meantime the Splash Park is something for the children to do in the summer and I think it will be a good investment for us to get that open so the kids will have something to do this summer. We have a request from the park district and I think it will be a good thing.

Mr. Tiedemann agreed that the \$10,000.00 would be a good investment but it does not buy a lot of chlorine and pool supplies. Dr. Moore talked to someone about the project and the amount of money needed was confirmed.

Dr. Moore said that hopefully by early July the pool will be open. Chairman Kern said that they will probably be able to move forward on the park knowing that they will have the money soon.

A motion was made by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Sharkey to approve a payment of \$10,000.00 to the East St. Louis Park District for the opening of the Kenneth Hall Splash Park.

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

Respectfully submitted,

June Chartrand, Chairman
Property and Recreation Committee

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