

## **Property & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes** **November 21, 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  
Kenneth Sharkey  
John West

### **Members Absent:**

Curtis Jones – Excused

### **Others Present:**

Debra Moore, Director of Administration  
Mikie Wren, SCC Exec. Secretary  
Tim Pruett, Rhutasel  
Norman Touchette, Foley Park  
Herbert Simmons, 9-1-1 / EMA  
Joseph Bustos, News Democrat

Mark A. Kern, SCC Chairman  
Michael O'Donnell, County Board  
Terry Beach, IGD / Economic Development  
Jim Fields, Highway  
Brian Dulski, Recreation Trail

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken.

There were Public Comments made by Mr. Brian Dulski on creation of a Bike and Walking Trail Loop within the County. He is a resident of Swansea and lived in this County since 2004 and is originally from Pittsburgh. He is an avid cyclist and runner and is on the Metro Link Bike Trail all the time, the Richland Trail Extension is a huge community asset for our County.

Mr. Dulski discussed his thoughts to expand the trail in St. Clair County. The facility in Madison County gets a lot of use and thinks it will be really great if St. Clair County would replicate what they have in Madison County. He wants to build more trails because it is a cost effective recreational opportunity for our residents and it is going to lead to healthier residents and it is a transportation option. Real Estate surveys show that after easy access to highways, trails and parks are the next highest desired amenity in a community.

Mr. Dulski wants to ask if St. Clair County will consider moving forward on considering the creation of a biker and walking trail from Centennial Park in Swansea up Old Collinsville Road to the County Park at St. Ellen Mine which is at Ashland Avenue. You would take that down along Long Acre corridor cutting over following Negro Hollow Creek down to 161 at Old Lincoln Trail making about a 16 mile loop that will be a great recreational facility. The Property & Recreation Committee recommends additional buildings and facilities within the County and while St. Clair County Transportation would manage a project like this and the County Board would actually recommend the project and provide leadership. Handouts were distributed to the members of the committee. He wants to work with the committee on the Creation of Bike and Walking Trail Loop. Mr. Dulski has offered his service.

Chairman Kern said that the Trail is going to be expanded and it is going to run from the Belleville YMCA to Scott Air Force Base and Mr. Mike Buelhorn's group will pick it up from there and running it

to tie into the Madison County Trail. The trails in the City were built by the City. They are interested in this. I think that we will probably take a look at this in some sort of engineering testament. Madison County has so many trails because they have a lot of abandoned railroad right of ways and they have trails programs because of that. It is a little difficult to use private right-a-ways. It is worth taking a look at this project.

A motion was made by Mrs. Grossmann-Roewe and seconded by Mr. West to approve the Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wren gave the Revenue Report. St. Clair County share from the Metro East Park & Recreation Commission this month was \$88,684.54. Property & Recreation share will be \$44,342.27. We incurred expenses in the amount of \$29,390.18 this month. We have balance of \$3,549,298.08.

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

Reports given by Mrs. Wren are listed below:

- Mr. Norman Touchette:  
Each of you were given a copy the reports listing visits to the various park sites.
- Silver Creek Preserve:  
Mr. Isbell reported on November 18, 2016 that all is well at Silver Creek Preserve.
- Trinity Services:  
Brandy of Mike Lowry's Office at Trinity Services reported on November 18, 2016 that the residents are still doing clean up at Silver Creek Preserve two or three days a week as weather permits.
- Dog Park at Animal Services:  
The additional fencing and gates was completed by Martin Fence and the invoice in the amount of \$6,250.00 has been submitted for payment.
- Engelmann Farm Trail:  
The 2015 St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission Grant award in the amount of \$30,000 for the walking trail has been completed. The excess of \$4,994.75 is St. Clair County's contribution is being submitted for approval for payment at this meeting. Sonnenberg Asphalt Co. is the vendor.
- St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission:  
The usual completion of projects, requests for extensions and payment of invoices for Cycle 22 have been processed during the last month. The Cycle 23 grant recipients that have returned executed contracts have been sent Authorization to Proceed letters.

Mr. Pruett reported that the Dog Park Fence is done, the Engelmann things are complete out there and we have seen grass grow. He has pictures of the asphalt and there is almost 600 feet of asphalt in the original project we have added about 350 feet. Everything looks great a couple of culverts have been added to help with the water. If we want to get another grant application and we want to continue the asphalt we can start where we left off and do another 600 feet.

A motion was made by Mr. West and seconded by Mrs. Grossmann-Roewe to approve the reports from Mrs. Wren and Mr. Pruett. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Mosley and seconded by Mr. West to approve the 2017 Meeting Schedule Dates. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Sharkey and seconded by Mr. West to approve the bills listed: Martin Fence for \$7,550.00 and Sonneberg Asphalt Co., Inc. for \$4,994.67. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

June Chartrand, Chairman  
Property and Recreation Committee

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