

Property & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes **August 21, 2017**

The Property & Recreation Committee of the St. Clair County Board met in the County Board Conference Room on August 21, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chairman June Chartrand at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present:

June Chartrand, Chairman
C. David Tiedemann, Asst. Chairman
Steve Gomric
Lonnie Mosley
Kenneth Sharkey
Scott Tieman
John West

Others Present

Mark A. Kern, Chairman SCC Board
Mikie Wren, Secretary
Fred Boch, County Board

Kenneth Sharkey, County Board
Tim Pruett, Rhutasel
Herb Simmons, EMA / 9-1-1

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken.

There were no Public Comments made or Questions asked.

A motion was made by Mr. West and seconded by Mr. Gomric to approve the Meeting Minutes from July 24, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wren gave the Revenue Report. I do not have the St. Clair County share of the Metro East Park & Recreation District funds report yet it has not come in. The expenses totaled \$46,086.95. Cash balance on hand as of August 17, 2017 is \$3,710,867.92.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Mr. Tieman to approve the Revenue Report given by Mrs. Wren. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports given by Mrs. Wren are listed below:

- Mr. Norman Touchette:
You were given a copy of the report of visits to the various park sites.
- Silver Creek Preserve:
Mr. Isbell reported on August 18, 2017 that all is good at Silver Creek Preserve.

Tim Pruett of Rhutasel reported on July 31, 2017 that the trail repair has been completed at Silver Creek Preserve. An invoice from MAV Masonry, Inc. in the amount of \$4,925.00 was submitted for payment. There are pictures of the repairs done that were provided by Mr. Pruett.

- Trinity Services:
Suzanne for Mike Lowry's office at Trinity Services reported that on August 18, 2017 that the residents are still doing clean up at Silver Creek Preserve two to three days a week as weather permits.

- Engelmann Farm:
There is nothing to report at this time.
- St. Ellen Park:
There is nothing to report at this time.
- St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission:
The usual completion of projects, requests for extensions and the payment of invoices for Cycle 22 and 23 have been processed during the last month. St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission completed grant applications for Cycle 24 they are due by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 25, 2017.

Mr. Pruett reported that he has completed the grant application for this year's funding and we are applying to pave the additional walking trail at Engelmann about 2,000 additional feet of pavement. Two years ago we did a bunch of culvert work and about 800 feet of asphalt paving. We might not have a lot of culvert work and we will look at that before the final plans are put together. We are able to do about 2,000 feet with the grant this time the grant limit is \$50,000. Maybe another 3,500 feet can be done with another two grants down the road.

Chairman Kern said the garage needs to be repaired. Can authorization be given to Mr. Pruett to get bids and get that torn down? Mr. Tiedemann said that there is no historical value by keeping the garage it is dry rotted and is a total hazard. Chairman Kern suggested bringing the expense back to the Property & Recreation Committee for the garage. He also mentioned there were a couple of cars in the garage so now tenant is gone and has emptied the bungalow which will be secured and the Committee will decide what to do with this house. The Engelmann House with the plaque on it is there and it is not the original house that burned this is the second house but I am in favor of getting it in shape. Hopefully we can fix it up and get someone living there. They are spending \$700,000 to renovate a house here in Belleville. I do not think that is what we want when we are not going to give tours or anything. We can make the house livable and the person living there will keep an eye on the park possibly one of the parks employees.

Mr. Tiedemann said the second house where Mr. Gordon Stone lived is vacant because he just passed away and his visitation is Friday. Most everything is cleaned out except there is some stuff in the attic and some stuff in the basement. Mr. Tiedemann stated a couple of times they used a couple of soon to be released inmates to work on the Township Cemetery and Engelmann Farm where they trimmed some brush and sprayed. Chairman Kern said that the 2nd house could be left there if it does not become a problem. A discussion was held on what the houses need. Chairman Kern will try to bring a couple of projects to the next Property & Recreation Committee Meeting next month.

A motion was made by Mr. Gomric and seconded by Mr. West to approve the reports given by Mrs. Wren and Mr. Pruett. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Gomric and seconded by Mr. Tiemanto adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

June Chartrand, Chairman
Property and Recreation Committee

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