

Property & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2017

The Property & Recreation Committee of the St. Clair County Board met in the County Board Conference Room on May 22, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chairman June Chartrand at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Steve Gomric - Excused

Others Present

Robert Allen, County Board
Mikie Wren, Secretary
Terry Beach, IGD / Economic Dev.
Joseph Bustos, News Democrat

Fred Boch, County Board
Ken Easterley, County Board
Tim Pruett, Rhutasel

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. Mosley to approve the Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wren gave the Revenue Report money received from Metro East Park & Recreation District this month the share for Property & Recreation Committee was \$40,754.81. Expenses up to May 22, 2017 were \$22,917.07. The balance remaining on hand as of May 22, 2017 is \$3,698,554.23.

A motion was made by Mr. Sharkey 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 from Foley Parks maintenance crew. You can look it over.

➤ Silver Creek Preserve:

Mr. Isbell reported on May 10, 2017 attached is a copy of the report.

On May 21, 2017 Mr. Isbell reported a large dump of 10 bags and 2 trash cans of leaf and lawn debris. This was reported to the Superintendent's Office on Monday, May 22, 2017 and was cleaned up that day.

➤ Trinity Services:

Brandy of Mike Lowry's Office at Trinity Services reported on May 19, 2017 that the residents are still doing clean up at Silver Creek Preserve two to three days a week as weather permits.

➤ Engelmann Preserve: A walker at Engelmann reported that there were potholes on the walking trail. This was reported to Norm Touchette and has been repaired. There was also a complaint about the grass not being mowed and this has been addressed and was completed this weekend.

➤ St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission:

The usual completion of projects, requests for extensions and payment of invoices for Cycle 22 and 23 have been processed during the last month.

Mr. Prueett reported contractor is going to set up the yard hydrant at the dog park today. In working with Illinois American the back portion was to be done first. Then in the next few days we will work on the actual lines and we should have working water on both of them in about a week or so. I have received a couple of bids for the work that we discussed at Silver Creek. I have some pictures here from one month ago. I have two proposals one is from Mascoutah and the other is from Marissa. The 11 foot piece of asphalt will be replaced. One is for \$49,025.00 and the other is for \$53,017.00. My recommendation is to go with the lower bidder with all things being equal. The plan is to remove the material pour it in one day and then come back the next day and strip.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Mr. West, to approve the Rhutasel Letter of Agreement for Professional Engineering Service totaling \$24,000.00 for year 2017 / 2018.

A motion was made by Mr. Tiedemann and seconded by Mr. West to approve the Proposal for Repairs at Silver Creek Preserve for \$4,925.00 replacing asphalt with about eleven feet of concrete. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tiedemann reported that one of the houses at the Engelmann Farm is empty and he has the key. A tree went down across Shiloh Station Road and the tree truck is in the right-of-way. The tree is on the SCC Road but it is our tree. Mrs. Chartrand said that Mrs. Wren will call to see if that problem can be handled.

Mrs. Chartrand said that she received a call for someone in her County Board District that is one of the owners of Falling Springs property lives in the Dupo area and they want to speak with the Property & Recreation Committee again about purchasing close to eleven acres of land at the edge of the bluff that belongs to the quarry. A meeting will be set up if all are in agreement.

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

Respectfully submitted,

June Chartrand, Chairman
Property and Recreation Committee

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Mikie Wren

From: Writer2@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2017 2:56 PM
To: Mikie Wren
Cc: writer2@aol.com
Subject: Silver Creek Preserve Issues

Good day,
Silver Creek Preserve only reopened yesterday after being closed by flooding the past week.

I took an inspection tour on the trail today and have the following report.

1. The contractor for the grass visited today. Once again, they only cut the parking lot and entry approach to the park. They started cutting down the walking trail but stopped when they came to the two bridges on the south and north sides of the trail. - *Central Services*

As a result, about 75 percent of the walking trail has yet to be cut this year. It needs cutting badly. - *Gene Isbell*

2. It looks as if someone placed the bumper of their truck against the trash can at the entry to the rest rooms in the parking lot. They then collapsed the trash can from a round shape to a spherical shape that renders the trash can practically unusable. This can is fixed at its base, but it looks as if it will need a replacement. I can't say when this occurred. I didn't notice it before the flooding. - *Gene Isbell*

3. Water throughout the park got up about thigh high on the trail judging by the debris clinging to bushes. In its wake, about four large clumps of plant debris have washed on the trail on the west side near the pond. The trail is still passable, but the debris covers about half the sidewalk. - *Gene Isbell*

4. In three places on the asphalt portion of the trail, the asphalt has separated with gaps about an inch wide. I anticipate these will only expand and could constitute a safety hazard to walkers eventually. - *Gene Isbell*

5. On the east side of the trail at the first bridge to the right when walking north, the asphalt continues to erode and collapse away from the concrete footing of the bridge. As a result, about 18 inches of the asphalt is missing or has a huge gap. This area was patched about three years ago with asphalt and it could use some more. Again, this seems a safety hazard to me. *Gene Isbell*

Regards,
Gene Isbell
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