

Property & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes **September 18, 2017**

The Property & Recreation Committee of the St. Clair County Board met in the County Board Conference Room on September 18, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chairman June Chartrand at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present:

June Chartrand, Chairman
Steve Gomric
Lonnie Mosley
Kenneth Sharkey
Scott Tieman

Members Absent:

C. David Tiedemann, Asst. Chairman - Excused
John West - Excused

Others Present

Mark A. Kern, Chairman SCC Board
Ken Easterley, County Board
Fred Boch, County Board
Herb Simmons, EMA / 9-1-1

Debra Moore, Director of Administration
Robert Allen, County Board
Mikie Wren, Secretary
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. Sharkey and seconded by Mr. Tieman to approve the Meeting Minutes from August 21, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Wren gave the Revenue Report. Last month the check was not received in time for our committee meeting so today we have two checks. The Property & Recreation Committee's share received is \$96,543.75. The expenses total \$29,093.23 leaving cash balance of \$3,779,543.88 as of 9/18/17.

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

Reports given by Mrs. Wren are listed below:

- Mr. Norman Touchette:
Everyone was given a copy of the report of visits to the various park sites.
- Silver Creek Preserve:
Mr. Isbell reported on September 18, 2017 that all is good at Silver Creek Preserve. With the exception that someone is chipping off chunks of the boulders that sit at the entrance. Mr. Isbell stated that it serves no purpose and just leaves little chunks lying on the ground. He has not yet been able to figure out who is doing this or when they are doing it.
- Trinity Services:
Suzanne from Mike Lowry's office at Trinity Services reported that on September 18, 2017 that the residents are still doing clean up at Silver Creek Preserve two to three days a week as weather permits.
- St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission: The usual completion of projects, requests for extensions and payment of invoices for Cycle 22 and Cycle 23 have been processed during

the last month. St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission met on September 8, 2017 to review Cycle 24 applications and made their recommendations for approval. The recommendations of the St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission for Cycle 24 are on your agenda for approval at this meeting.

- An invoice was received from Rhutasel and Associates in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the quarterly installment on their Annual Service Agreement. This invoice has been processed for payment.

A motion was made by Mr. Gomric and seconded by Mr. Sharkey to approve the detailed report given by Mrs. Wren. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Herbert Simmons gave a report on the SCC Parks Grant Commission funding. The applications were all reviewed a total of 25 were submitted this cycle. We recommended funding 24 of the applications. The reason that one application was not funded is because it was three days late on coming in. We are recommending the Property & Recreation Committee approve the funding of \$1,133,732.64. Since the start of the program back in 2002 we have awarded \$8,178,827.26 for funding the County Parks with grants to the municipalities.

A motion was made by Mr. Sharkey and seconded by Mr. Gomric to approve funding awarded by the SCC Parks Grant Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Kern stated that amount of money in the Property & Recreation Committees account is up to \$3.7 million dollars the intent has been to gather money and then fund a cycle of larger projects that have been requested over the past year or year and a half to the county. The list is for:

City of O'Fallon – St. Ellen Mine Park	\$160,000.00
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Hopefully this will lead us to a relationship with O'Fallon that they will take over the maintenance of the St. Ellen Mine Park with us paying them a stipend every year. This is a capital project they requested for the park.

Kaskaskia Cahokia Trail Coalition	\$200.00
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Cahokia asked for the money for their trail they are promoting Southern Illinois.

Fairmont City Village Park Restoration Grant	\$ 98,500.00
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Village of Millstadt – Splash Pad	\$250,000.00
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East St. Louis Park Dist. Lincoln Park Swimming Pool	\$300,000.00
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The Lincoln Park Swimming Pool we have talked about this for some time this is for the remaining design and sight work. The State is holding on to the money for construction but they also have \$300,000.00 that is available from Mr. Mike Buehlhorn from the Parks Commission. This amount in addition to the other amount will get them well on the way to building a swimming pool.

Belleville Jaycee Development Corporation ADA Accessible Concession Stand	\$ 107,000.00
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Falling Springs Property Acquisition	\$ 400,000.00
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The Falling Springs Property that we have talked about located in Dupo is the only natural water fall in St. Clair County it is historic and it needs to be preserved. Mrs. Chartrand and the Engineering Firm have been working with the family on the purchase of the property for \$400,000.00. It is approximately 22 acres the details have not been fully worked out but the price has been worked out.

Village of Cahokia Splash Pad	\$ 400,000.00
St. Clair County Greenspace Foundation – Trail Maintenance and Improvements	\$ 100,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,815,700.00

There leaves a remaining \$2 million to fund projects until we offer large park projects again.

Questions about the items listed below were answered by Chairman Kern:

- Millstadt funding is less because they are going to be doing a lot of the work themselves. They have an active group of volunteers that are going to work to build the splash pad.
- The total cost for the Swimming Pool for Lincoln Park will probably be \$2 ½ million.
- A thing like the Belleville Jaycees Park Concession I am sure there will be a lot of volunteer labor.
- Village of Cahokia I am sure that they will have to add funding to the amount listed because they will have to demolish the existing pool and bath house. The \$400,000.000 will get them close.
- Most will have to provide a match for these requests. Some people cannot afford a match like SCC Greenspace Foundation. That is my understanding any way.

A motion was made by Mr. Gomric and seconded by Mr. Sharkey to approve the Park Projects. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Chartrand has received a key and if anyone wants to go view the Falling Springs Property they can do so.

A motion was made by Mr. Sharkey and seconded by Mr. Tieman to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

June Chartrand, Chairman
Property and Recreation Committee

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