MINUTES – ST. CLAIR COUNTY PARKS GRANT COMMISSION
November 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Simmons, Chairman. Roll call was taken showing a quorum as follows:

Members Present:	**Members Absent:**	**Others Present:**
Herbert Simmons, Chairman Jerry Albrecht Dick Battas Dawn Keys Mike Todd		Sami Gruberman, Executive Secretary

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:
None

MINUTES:
Upon a motion by Mr. Todd and seconded by Ms. Keys, it was unanimously agreed to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2025 meeting.

REVENUE REPORT:
Ms. Gruberman advised current cash balance was $2,549,451.16.

ACTIVITY REPORT:

Ms. Gruberman gave the Activity Report which included there are no outstanding projects.

Upon a motion by Mr. Todd and seconded by Mr. Albrecht, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Revenue and Activity Reports given by Ms. Gruberman. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION:
DISCUSSION AND AWARDING OF PARK GRANTS FOR CYCLE 31 ARE LISTED BELOW:

City of Belleville: Playground Equipment - $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Battas, seconded by Mr. Todd to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

City of Cahokia Heights: Restroom Renovations - $39,552. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Albrecht to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Caseyville Township: Baseball Field Lighting - $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Albrecht to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

City of Collinsville: Parking Lot and Accessibility Pathway - $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Ms. Keys to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of Dupo: 4th of July Event & Security Cameras - $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Albrecht to approve this application. The motion passed with Ms. Keys abstaining. This project will be funded.

Village of East Carondelet: 250th Celebration, Security Cameras, Picnic Tables, & Playground Resurfacing - $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Ms. Keys to approve this application. The motion passed with Mr. Simmons abstaining. This project will be funded.

East St. Louis Park District: Mowers, Trailer, Generator, Pressure Washer, & Tire Kit - $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Ms. Keys to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of Fairmont City: Line Marker & Dugouts - $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Ms. Keys to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

City of Fairview Heights: Tennis/Pickleball Courts Resurfacing - $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Ms. Keys to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Fayetteville Township: Picnic Tables & Blowers - $9,199.99. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Ms. Keys to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of Freeburg: Basketball Goal, Shade Structures Ventilation System, & Adaptive Swing - $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Albrecht to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Freeburg Park District: Advertising 250th Celebration, Resurfacing Walking Path, Painting & Pavilions - $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Ms. Keys to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of Marissa: Roof Replacement – Pavilion - $34,951.72. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Ms. Keys to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Metro East Park and Recreation District: 250th Celebration - $24,495. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Ms. Keys to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of Millstadt: 250th Celebration & Playground Equipment - $40,000. Motion was made by Ms. Keys, seconded by Mr. Battas to approve this application. The motion passed with Mr. Todd abstaining. This project will be funded.

Village of New Athens: Rock & Oil Chipping Campground - $31,680.26. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Battas to deny this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will NOT be funded.

City of O'Fallon: Splash Pad Playground Resurfacing - $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Battas, seconded by Ms. Keys to approve this application. The motion passed with Mr. Albrecht abstaining. This project will be funded.

St. Clair County: Freedom Farm Demolition- $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Ms. Keys to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

St. Clair Township: Trail Improvements - $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Battas to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of St. Libory: Roof Replacement- Pavilion & Concession Stand - $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Ms. Keys to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of Sauget: Park Lighting - $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Ms. Keys to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of Smithton: Property Acquisition – $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Albrecht, seconded by Mr. Battas to deny this application. The motion passed unanimously. The project will NOT be funded.

Stookey Township: Playground Equipment - $29,697.54. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Ms. Keys to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Sugar Loaf Township: Stair Replacement, Mulch, Shade Cover, & Trash Cans - $38,471. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Albrecht to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of Swansea: Gator & Lighting Enhancements - $39,462.56. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Mr. Albrecht to approve this application. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Village of Washington Park: Playground Equipment, Electrical Installation, & Tools - $40,000. Motion was made by Mr. Todd, seconded by Ms. Keys to approve this application in the amount of $15,966.99. The motion passed unanimously. This project will be funded.

Upon a motion by Mr. Todd and seconded by Ms. Kets, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.