CITY OF O'FALLON
Park & Environment Committee
May 11, 2009
5:30 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Parks & Environment Committee of the City of O'Fallon, held in the Mayor's Conference

Room, City Hall, 255 S. Lincoln, O'Fallon, Illinois May 11, 2009

I. Attendance: MEMBERS ___Renner, Chair (5) _X_ Grogan (1) _X_Drolet, J (4)

_X_ Polites, Vice (2) _X_Faulkner (7

II. Council: Albrecht; Reckamp; Drolet; McCoskey; True
Park: Kasten
Guests:
Staff: Rich, Funk; Denton; Hutchison
Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. Polites

III. Minutes:
Motion: Drolet motion to approve the minutes from March 9, 2009 Meeting.
Second: Grogan
Approved: All

IV. Item

Item St. Ellen Mine Park Agreement

The City of O'Fallon agreed to maintain St. Ellen Mine for St. Clair County on August 27, 1997. The agreement states, "That the City of O'Fallon agrees to maintain park access, mow and control weeds around the parking lot, fitness trail, boat launch, restrooms and observation pavilion." The City must maintain insurance and hold the County harmless. The lease is renewable one-year at a time throughout the period, which is a 20-year lease. The lease shall be renewable at the City's option as well as the County. With the short fall of budget money, staffs believe the agreement should be terminated or require full reimbursement for services render. If the agreement were terminated, owner would maintain the park. We would be more than happy to continue the maintenance with full reimbursement. The County may wish to work with MEPD to maintain St. Ellen. The Department has spent over $100,000 in the last several years.

The Committee would like to have the Mayor contact Mr. Kern and open the discussion prior to a termination letter. The Park Director has been unsuccessful at gaining access to open up communications with the County. Dale Funk has reviewed agreement and prepared the termination letter.

Motion: HOLD

Field Reports: Review as presented
ADJOURN Motion: Grogan Second: Polites
Approved: All
PREPARED BY: MJ Hutchison