

## FOREST PRESERVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM JUNE 8, 2012

**PRESENT:** Committee members, T. Rockwell, J. Bohnsack, V. Dueysen, S. Sallows, F. Schultz and R. Simmer.

**ABSENT:** Committee members, K. Harmon and V. Dueysen.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeff Craver, Director; Marc Heinzman, Interim Zoo Director; Doug Wells, Golf Course Manager; Ben Mills, Loud Thunder Ranger; Scott White, Illiniwek Ranger and Robert Westpfahl, Commissioner.

Chairman Rockwell called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Committee to order at 3:00 PM on Friday, June 8, 2012, in the second floor conference room of the County Board Office in the County Building, Rock Island, Illinois.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion approving the June Committee meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Schultz. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the claims for the Forest Preserve Fund in the amount of \$42,691.39, the Niabi Zoo Fund claims in the amount of \$52,638.79, the Liability Insurance Fund claims in the amount of \$11,798.21 and the Marvin Martin Trust Fund claim in the amount of \$101,582.00.

**MOTION:** Mr. Schultz moved to approve the claims. Mr. Maranda seconded. Motion carried

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the Forest Preserve Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund.

**MOTION:** Mr. Bohnsack approved the Transfers. Mr. Maranda seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve a Resolution transferring \$21,000 in the Liability Insurance Fund, a Resolution loaning \$15,000 to the FISSA Fund, a Resolution transferring \$5,000 in the Forest Preserve General Fund and a Resolution transferring \$75,242 in the Niabi Zoo Fund.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the Resolutions. Second by Dr. Simmer. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion approving a Resolution Establishing the Prevailing Wages.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda move to approve the Prevailing Wage Resolution. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the bids for approximately 807' of continuous train track to be cored out and replaced at Niabi Zoo. There were two bidders, Crafton and Brandt, with Crafton low at \$65,781.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the low bid for \$65,781 pending transfer of Hotel/Motel tax. Ms. Sallows seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion on the low bid for a 2012 Model-Full size, 1 ton cab & chassis with a Dump Box for Illiniwek. There were five bidders and the low bid was from Reynolds in the amount of \$28,997.44.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to approve the low bid from Reynolds in the amount of \$28,997.44 with an add-on of \$107 for 12" cross sills. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Wells had a State bid for a John Deere 7700 Precision Cut Fairway Mower in the amount of \$43,560 from Van Wall Equipment.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the State Bid for the mower. Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for approval of copyrighting and photography estimates for website and marketing materials. Upstream estimates were for the copyrighting not to exceed \$3,750, the photography for six locations in the summer at \$2,700, for four Fall locations at \$700 and for four Winter locations at \$700 and the cost of the supervision, direction and talent recruitment at \$975. The total cost \$8,825.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the estimates for website and marketing materials. Ms. Sallows seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Doug Wells for the Indian Bluff report. Mr. Wells presented his written report stating the course is in excellent condition. Mr. Maranda inspected Indian Bluff and reported it is the best looking golf course in the area.

Chairman Rockwell called on Scott White. Mr. White presented his written report which stated they took out several tree stumps and are cleaning up after the storm. A tree came down on the T-ball backstop at Dorrance. He said heavy winds during the storm on Memorial Day, half a tree fell on a motor home and broke windshield, fortunately no one was injured. He reported the bike path on Route 84 is eroding. Ms. Harmon inspected Illiniwek and Mr. Rockwell read her report which had been faxed to the meeting. She reported everything well maintained. Dorrance was spotless. Parts of both river side entrance roads need resurfaced.

Chairman Rockwell called on Ben Mills for the Loud Thunder report. Mr. Mills reported they had a busy May and the campsites were full for Memorial Day weekend. He reported several trees have been blown down in the high winds that occurred. They planted thirty trees donated by Morton Arboretum. Mr. Maranda inspected Loud Thunder and said he would like to see something more done with Doyle's Addition. He reported the park looked great.

Chairman Rockwell called on Marc Heinzman for the Niabi Zoo report. In his report, Mr. Heinzman stated that May was a good month for the Zoo. He reported improvements to the Aviary have been completed. The project to install viewing windows on all exhibits at the cathouse and redo landscaping in each is loosely scheduled to begin in the next couple weeks. The project is funded by the Zoological Society. A baby giraffe was born on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The baby will make his debut today. The Zoo was inspected by Ms. Harmon and Mr.

Rockwell read her report. She reported all looked good and that Mr. Heinzman has a great vision of future developments.

Chairman Rockwell called on Mr. Craver for his report. Mr. Craver reported he will place public notices in the paper regarding the public input meetings regarding the “needs assessment survey”. The meetings are scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> at Niabi Zoo and June 28<sup>th</sup> at Indian Bluff to be held at 6:00 PM. He reported the AZA inspection will be August 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve all reports. Mr. Simmer seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell said we need a motion to go into closed session per ILCS 120/2 (C) (1) (Personnel).

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to go into closed session. Mr. Schultz seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

Doors closed at 3:45 PM. Doors open at 4:00 PM.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to open the meeting. Dr. Simmer seconded. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to proceed with what was discussed in closed session. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell adjourned the meeting at 4:06 PM.

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