

## FOREST PRESERVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM MAY 6, 2011

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeff Craver, Director; Mike Murrin, Loud Thunder; Doug Wells, Golf Course Manager; Scott White, Illiniwek; Mark Ryan, Zoo Director and Chris Wistedt.

Chairman Rockwell called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Committee to order at 3:00 PM on Friday, May 6, 2011, at the Indian Bluff Golf Course Club House, Milan, Illinois.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the April minutes.

**MOTION:** Mr. Schultz moved to approve the minutes. Second by Mr. Dueysen. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the claims for the Forest Preserve Fund in the amount of \$26,637.67, the Niabi Zoo Fund claims in the amount of \$68,702.71, the Liability Insurance Fund claim in the amount of \$568.62, the Bike Path Fund claim @\$1,034.64 and the Niabi Zoo Capital Improvement Fund claim in the amount of \$7,301.56.

**MOTION:** Ms. Sallows moved to approve the claims. Mr. Dueysen seconded. Motion carried.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the Transfers. Ms. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion on a Resolution loaning \$75,000 to the Niabi Zoo Fund from the Forest Preserve Fund.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer approved the Resolution. Mr. Maranda seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve a Resolution transferring \$136,310.44 from unappropriated Niabi Zoo Funds.

**MOTION:** Mr. Dueysen approved the Resolution. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve a Resolution transferring \$36,800 from unappropriated funds in the Forest Preserve Fund.

**MOTION:** Mr. Dueysen approved the Resolution. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell stated our County deputies patrol Loud Thunder on the weekend nights and holidays and receive twenty-six dollars per hour. The FOP has requested they receive thirty-five dollars as they do for other private venues. There was some discussion regarding this increase and if we would be able to accommodate their request. Mr. Rockwell said he would talk to the Sheriff.

**MOTION:** Mr. Schultz moved that the Chairman talk to the Sheriff. Mr. Dueysen seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve a "Memorandum of Understanding" between the County Forest Preserve District and the Niabi Zoological Society.

**MOTION:** Mr. Dueysen moved approve the agreement with the Society. Ms. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve a request from the Blackhawk Chapter of ABATE of Illinois, a not for profit motorcycling organization. Their "Bears for Buddies Ride" is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> where they leave from the Courthouse and ride to Illiniwek Forest Preserve and the bears are collected at the end of the ride to be distributed to local agencies to benefit area children involved in traumatic situations. They would request the shelter fee be waived. Chairman Rockwell said they have been doing this for many years.

**MOTION:** Ms. Harmon moved to waive the shelter fee for their event. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Bids were presented for an exhaust system for the lions' den at Niabi Zoo. There were three bidders and the low bid was from Crawford Company in the amount of \$2,995.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the low bid. Ms. Harmon seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Doug Wells for the Indian Bluff report. Mr. Wells reported they have fertilized the entire course. They are putting in the flower beds. He noted the measurable precipitation for eighteen days in April and the below normal temps have hindered the golfing. Ms. Sallows inspected Indian Bluff and commented that the grounds were very attractive and would like to see the southern bathroom in better shape. A copy of her report is on file.

Chairman Rockwell called on Scott White for the Illiniwek report. Mr. White reported they are mowing grass and are cleaning up from the flood. Mr. Schultz inspected Illiniwek and reported everything looked good. A copy of his report is on file.

Chairman Rockwell called on Mark Ryan for his report. He reported the Juvenile Diabetes research Foundation held their walk-a-thon on April 30 and it was very successful for the zoo as well as the walk. Free train tickets were given out for the month of April. He reported that Zoo staff attended elephant TB seminar. The zoo continues to follow all necessary precautions and all tests for both elephants have returned negative results, again. The Zoo was inspected by Mr. Schultz and he reported overall the zoo is in excellent condition. A copy of his report is on file.

Chairman Rockwell called on Jeff Craver for his report. He reported that rock has been laid down on the pads at White Oaks campground. The OSLAD grant is still being rewritten, will submit in June.

Mr. Craver presented Estes Construction's conceptual design estimate for Loud Thunder river campground restroom replacement. The total cost of \$153,159 included restroom construction costs estimated at \$122,034, construction management insurance & fee at

\$7,383, ten percent contingency at \$12,942 and design at \$10,800. The money for this project will be available through the Martin Trust.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to go forward with plans for the new restroom. Ms. Sallows seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Sallows inspected Loud Thunder and reported everything well cared for. A copy of her report is on file.

Chairman Rockwell called for approval of all reports.

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

Chairman Rockwell asked if there was any more business to come before the Committee, being none, he adjourned at 3:45 PM.

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