

FOREST PRESERVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 7, 2012

PRESENT: Committee members, T. Rockwell, J. Bohnsack, K. Maranda, F. Schultz and R. Simmer.

ABSENT: Committee members, V. Dueysen, K. Harmon and S. Sallows.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Craver, Director; Marc Heinzman, Zoo Director; Ben Mills, Loud Thunder Ranger; Doug Wells, Golf Course Superintendent and Cathi Bizarri.

Chairman Rockwell called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Committee to order at 3:00 PM on Friday, September 7, 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 August Committee meeting minutes.

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

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the claims for the Forest Preserve Fund in the amount of \$39,784.44, the Niabi Zoo Fund claims in the amount of \$87,864.38, the Liability Insurance Fund claims in the amount of \$2,008.22, the Bike Path Fund claim in the amount of \$232.43 and the Marvin Martin Trust Fund claim in the amount of \$3,440.00.

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

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the Transfers of Appropriation in the Liability Insurance Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund for FY11/12 & FY12/13.

MOTION: Mr. Schultz approved the Transfers. Mr. Maranda seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve a Resolution transferring \$7,301 from unappropriated Niabi Zoo Funds for FY11/12.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the Resolution. Dr. Simmer seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve a Resolution transferring \$40,000 from unappropriated Niabi Zoo Funds for FY12/13.

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

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve a Resolution transferring \$300 from unappropriated Liability Insurance Funds for FY11/12.

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

Chairman Rockwell called for approval to take off display and approve the Budget Appropriation Ordinances for FY2013-2014.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to take off display and approve the Ordinances. Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to take off display and approve the Unified Ordinance for Trail Use for incorporation into the General Use Ordinances.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to take the Ordinance off display. Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to lay the ADA Access Audit on display.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to lay it on display. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Doug Wells for the Indian Bluff report. Mr. Wells' written report was submitted and he reported that the course is looking good, the bunkers need sand and he has an issue with the duckweed on the pond. Indian Bluff was inspected by Ms. Harmon and in her absence, Chairman Rockwell read her report. She reported everything in good shape.

In Scott White's absence, Chairman Rockwell called on Dr. Simmer for his Illiniwek inspection report. Dr. Simmer reported everything was greening up and was nicely groomed. There were many small branches down after the storm. He did say he thought the long term camping policy should be revisited. Mr. Craver said everything went very well for the "Salute to Labor" on Monday. Parking is still a problem for this event.

Chairman Rockwell called on Ben Mills for the Loud Thunder report. Mr. Mills' written report was presented. He reported that they have installed the confidence markers and directional markers on their longest and most confusing trail. They still need to decal the markers but this big project has progressed nicely. Mr. Mills has talked to Mr. Paulsgrove and he has agreed to sign his contract for another year. He has emphasized to him concerning the importance of keeping regular hours. Mr. Mills said once again they tried to host a fun ride for the Illinois City Saddle Club but got rained out. Ms Harmon inspected Loud Thunder and Chairman Rockwell read her report. She reported the park clean and no visible trash. She said the roads looked good but the road to Cedar pavilion is rough. She noted that Ranger Mills does a wonderful job.

Chairman Rockwell called on Marc Heinzman for the Niabi Zoo report. He reported that with the arrival of the much needed rain and lower temperatures, the attendance has bounced back from July and early August. They had a good Labor Day. He said he will be leaving for Phoenix for the AZA hearing this weekend. Mr. Bohnsack will also attend. He said they have moved the lions to an empty exhibit at the cat house as they prepare to demolish their old exhibit, this is the first step of the process to construct the new lion exhibit. He is working with the Society to develop a plan to expand the existing elephant yard into the unused space to the north of their present exhibit. This will help meet the concerns of the AZA by providing more space until the new exhibit is built and when the elephants move to their new exhibit, this space can be subdivided into at least two exhibits in the future. Dr. Simmer inspected Niabi Zoo and reported that the bird exhibit needs some improving. The John Deere Gators need to be updated.

Chairman Rockwell called on Mr. Craver for his report. Mr. Craver informed the Committee that, regarding the budget report, the Indian Bluff Golf Course credit card fees are now being properly appropriated into their respective revenue GL accounts, which are golf fees and concessions.

Mr. Craver has met with Longley Time Systems and will submit more information regarding this at a later time. The websites are coming along. Regarding the Bike Path Ordinance, he will be going to a meeting next week and the County will adopt this Ordinance if all others involved adopt.

Mr. Craver and Ranger Mills met with the Corps of Engineers to address the sediment issue at Lake George. The Boy Scout camp and the Ranger are very concerned about this issue and will gather more information regarding this matter.

Mr. Craver reported they will have a public hearing regarding the ADA Access Audit some time in October. The Outside Auditors are coming on September 17th. Pints for Pachyderms is September 28th and tickets are available through Mr. Heinzman.

Mr. Craver would like a motion to approve the renewal of Lyle Paulsgrove's license agreement at the Lake George boat rental.

MOTION: Dr. Simmer moved to renew the license. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell asked if there was any more business to come before the Committee, being none, he asked for approval of all reports.

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

Chairman Rockwell reminded members that there will be a Public Hearing at 5:30 on September 18th regarding Appropriation Ordinances for 2013/14.

Chairman Rockwell adjourned the meeting at 3:55 PM.

Submitted by:



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