

FOREST PRESERVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 4, 2011

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

ABSENT: Committee member, K. Harmon.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Craver, Director; Mark Ryan, Zoo Director; Doug Wells, Golf Course Manager; Scott White, Illiniwek Ranger; Robert Westpfahl, County Board member; Steve Meersman, County Board member and Cathy Bizarri, Taylor Ridge.

Chairman Rockwell called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Committee to order at 3:00 PM on Friday, November 4, 2011, in the second floor conference room of the County Board Office, County Building, Rock Island, Illinois.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the October Committee meeting minutes.

MOTION: Mr. Schultz moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Simmer. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the claims for the Forest Preserve Fund in the amount of \$38,077.42, the Niabi Zoo Fund claims in the amount of \$30,408.91 and the Liability Insurance Fund claims in the amount of \$3,445.66.

MOTION: Mr. Dueysen moved to approve all the Fund claims. Mr. Maranda 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. Schultz moved to approve the Transfers. Dr. Simmer seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion on a Resolution transferring \$60,000 in the Niabi Zoo Fund.

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

Chairman Rockwell called for approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement regarding County Sheriff's deputies patrolling Loud Thunder on weekend nights and holidays.

MOTION: Dr. Simmer moved to approve the agreement with the Sheriff. Mr. Maranda seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the Niabi Zoo farm leasing agreement with Keith Johnson. It involves 11.4 acres at \$75 per acre and he pays taxes on ground.

MOTION: Dr. Simmer moved to approve the Niabi Zoo farming agreement. Mr. Maranda seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the Loud Thunder farm lease agreement with Keith Johnson. It involves 32.4 acres at \$75 per acre and he pays taxes on the acreage.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the Loud Thunder farming agreement. Mr. Dueysen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement regarding County services provided to the Forest Preserve District.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the County services agreement. Mr. Schultz and Dr. Simmer seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to lay on display an Ethics Ordinance.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to lay the Ethics Ordinance on display. Mr. Dueysen seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Doug Wells for his report. Mr. Wells reported that they are coming to the close of the golf season. He has reduced rates for the month of November. He reported he is looking into some advertising to drum up business for next year as he feels people still don't know Indian Bluff Golf Course exists. He reported that TPC has a two lease only on their John Deere equipment. He can get two of their used gators for \$5,500 each from the dealership.

MOTION: Mr. Bohnsack moved to approve the purchase of the gators. Mr. Maranda seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Bohnsack inspected Indian Bluff and gave his report (record). He reported everything in great shape although the roof on the shelter must be replaced.

Chairman Rockwell called on Scott White for the Illiniwek report. Mr. White reported the west side of the park is closed. They have started routine winter maintenance.

Chairman Rockwell called on Mark Ryan for his report. Mr. Ryan reported the giraffe exhibit has a number of post and deck structure failures. Estes Construction, who were the original installers of the exhibit, is working on the repairs. He reported that he is looking into getting some temporary travelling exhibits for the Zoo just to change things up a bit and something new for the visitors, like a butterfly exhibit for example. These travelling exhibits generally set up for twelve to twenty weeks. He reported work will begin soon on the train track replacement.

Chairman Rockwell called on Mr. Craver for his report. Mr. Craver reported he met with, Mr. Rockwell and Doug DeLille from Bi-State to talk about upgrading the master plan and strategic plans for the Forest Preserve District.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to move forward with the master plan. Mr. Dueysen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Craver said Missman is doing the Lake George annual spillway inspection in the next month.

Mr. Bohnsack inspected Niabi Zoo and reported everything looked good. He did comment that the Deere equipment could be kept cleaner than it is now.

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

Chairman Rockwell asked if there was any more business to come before the Committee, being none, he adjourned at 3:36 PM.

Submitted by:

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