

**FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**JULY 9, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Committee members - R. Simmer, K. Maranda, E. Sowards, L. Moreno, K. Swanson, D. Cremeens, A. Normoyle.

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeff Craver, District Director; Ben Mills, Loud Thunder Ranger; Lee Jackson, Niabi Zoo Director; April Palmer, Auditor.

President Swanson called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Executive Committee to order at 3:30 PM on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, in the Park Office Loud Thunder Forest Preserve in Illinois City, Illinois.

President Swanson called for a motion approving the June Committee meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the May Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Cremeens seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

No request for public comment was submitted.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the Forest Preserve General Fund claims in the amount of \$46,865.29, Niabi Zoo Fund claims in the amount of \$292,272.24, Liability Fund claims in the amount of \$8,120.31, Golf Course Improvement Fund claims in the amount of \$153,857.67, Development of Forests and Construction Fund claims in the amount of \$1,138.00, Loud Thunder Spillway & Improvements Fund claims in the amount of \$12,173.91, Marvin Martin Fund claims in the amount of \$6.82, and Treasurer's Disbursements in the amount of \$19,729.20.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to approve the claims and Treasurer's Disbursements. Mr. Cremeens seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson welcomed Ms. Angie Normoyle to the Forest Preserve Executive Committee.

Ms. Normoyle thanked the Committee for the welcome.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the transfers of appropriation in the General Fund and Niabi Zoo Fund.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the transfers of appropriation in the General Fund and Liability Fund. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the resolution transferring from unappropriated funds to the fiscal year 2019 Niabi Zoo Fund.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to approve the resolution transferring from unappropriated funds to the fiscal year 2019 Niabi Zoo Fund. Dr. Simmer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the low bid for the Indian Bluff Golf Course cart path project.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the low bid for the Indian Bluff Golf Course cart path project. Dr. Simmer seconded the motion.

Mr. Craver stated that the bid had gone out for only seven holes due to concern about costs. Since the bid came in at less than what was expected, would like to add in two more holes. That would get through hole number nine done. The amount set aside for the whole project is \$300,000.00, and if this bid is any indication, that number should be plenty, perhaps there would even be some left over. If this goes through the Commission on Tuesday, will look into adding the two holes.

Motion carried.

President Swanson asked Ms. Palmer for the Auditor's Reports.

Ms. Palmer stated that the fiscal year ended June thirtieth. As always, there are sixty days to back date revenues and expenses that took place before the fiscal year ended. On the upcoming payroll, there will be one day that has to be back dated to the old fiscal year. It was a bad year for revenue due to the weather, but expenses have been lower to try and compensate.

President Swanson asked Mr. Mills if there was anything he'd like to bring attention to in his report.

Mr. Mills stated that the lake has been great for fishing this year. Trails have been a particular challenge with all the rain and storms. There is one more sidewalk to pour in the fall at the boat rental area. The boat rental has been picking up. The park received a donation of plants from Hilltop for the park office. The local National Guard has contacted me regarding doing a camping outing for their unit and their families. Would like to give them a reduced rate on camping in Silva.

There was consensus to allow the reduced rate, and include that in the routine reports motion.

Mr. Craver stated that a few of the impatiens went to Indian Bluff.

President Swanson asked Mr. Jackson if there was anything he'd like to bring attention to in his report.

Mr. Jackson stated that the cat house doors and exterior of the new primate exhibit are complete. The AZA Commission will make the decision on accreditation in September in New Orleans. Pints for Preservation is August 23<sup>rd</sup>, and tickets started on sale today.

President Swanson asked Mr. Craver if there was anything from his report that he wanted to bring attention to.

Mr. Craver stated that at the last commission meeting Commissioner Reagan asked about memberships. That information is included in the reports. The new dock has been installed at Loud Thunder. Fishing has improved. There have been many weather related challenges for staff to address throughout the year.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve all routine reports for the District.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve all routine reports for the District. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Adjourned the meeting at 4:20 PM.

Submitted by:  
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