

**FOREST PRESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
JANUARY 12, 2021**

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

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeff Craver, District Director; Lee Jackson, Niabi Zoo Director; Ben Mills, Loud Thunder Ranger; Mike Petersen, Illiniwek Ranger; Todd Collins, Club House Manager; Jay Verstraete, Golf Course Superintendent; Kurt Davis, IT; April Palmer, Auditor; Louisa Ewert, Treasurer.

President Swanson called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Executive Committee to order at 9:40 AM on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, in the Rock Island County Building in the third floor chambers, Rock Island, Illinois.

President Swanson called for a motion approving the December Committee minutes and December closed session minutes.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve the December Committee minutes and December closed session minutes. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

A. Normoyle, K. Maranda, D. Cremeens, K. Swanson, E. Sowards, L. Moreno, R. Simmer.

**TOTAL YES           7**

**TOTAL NO           0**

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$201,342.76; transfers of appropriation in the General Fund; resolution pertaining to Forest Preserve General Fund OSLAD Grant; and resolution pertaining to additional Liability funds for fiscal year 2021.

**MOTION:** Dr. Simmer moved to approve the claims and treasurer's disbursements in the amount of \$201,342.76; transfers of appropriation in the General Fund; resolution pertaining to Forest Preserve General Fund OSLAD Grant; and resolution pertaining to additional Liability funds for fiscal year 2021. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to adopt the previous roll call. Dr. Moreno seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve the resolution pertaining to the semi-annual review of closed session minutes.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to approve the Resolution regarding the fiscal year 2021 Niabi Zoo Fund Appropriations. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Motion to approve the settlement of Workers' Comp case 20WC06060 for \$24,813.02.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve settlement of Workers' Comp case 20WC06060 for \$24,813.02. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

President Swanson called for a motion to approve laying on display for thirty days the District's Procedure Manual.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to approve laying on display for thirty days the District's Procedure Manual. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Dr. Moreno moved to adopt the previous roll call. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

No request for public comment was submitted.

President Swanson asked Ms. Palmer if there was anything from the Auditor's reports that she would like to bring attention to.

Ms. Palmer stated that the District is half way through the fiscal year. All spending is within budget. Cash report will in the Commission packet.

President Swanson asked Mr. Verstraete if there was anything from the Indian Bluff reports that he would like to bring attention to.

Mr. Collins stated that there were a few times in December where the golf course could be open. This is the latest that the golf course has ever been open. At this point winter maintenance has begun, and looking forward to 2021.

Mr. Verstraete stated that winterization of the golf course was completed, and winter maintenance has begun.

President Swanson asked Mr. Petersen if there was anything from the Illiniwek report that he would like to bring attention to.

Mr. Petersen stated that staff had finished up some repairs to a couple buildings. Staff is prepping to begin tree removal due to the emerald ash bore.

President Swanson stated that a \$500.00 donation was received to support Illiniwek.

President Swanson asked Mr. Mills if there was anything from his report that he would like to bring attention to.

Mr. Mills stated that the report in the packet was quite thorough, and if there are any questions, would be happy to answer them.

Ms. Normoyle asked for a bit more detail on the state of disrepair to the river boat docks.

Mr. Mills stated that in 2020, since the river was down for much of the time, the docks were able to be put in for an extended period of time. At that point it became very clear that there were serious structural concerns regarding the docks. It is hoped that they will be able to be replaced this year. There was a request in the report concern a race to be held at the park.

Mr. Craver stated that as in the past any requests have been through the routine reports approval.

President Swanson asked Mr. Jackson if there was anything from his report that he would like to bring attention to.

Mr. Jackson stated that the fund raising campaign for the Rhino exhibit continues. There have been 143 donors, totaling approximately \$45,000.00 in funds received so far. There is an online auction that we hope will bring in another \$20,000.00. The work on the exhibit is nearly completed. In 2020 there were approximately 390 donations equaling about \$242,000.00. This was from the Rhino campaign, grants, and general donations.

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

Mr. Craver stated that an extra report had been included in the packet this month. It is a G/L Distribution report from RecTrac. It gives a better break down of specifics of where the revenue is coming.

Mr. Craver then gave a brief explanation of the G/L accounts listed and how they related to the New World Systems. Then gave a brief overview of the report from MindFire that was included at the end of the packet.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to approve all routine reports. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

**MOTION:** Mr. Maranda moved to adopt the previous roll call. Ms. Normoyle seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Adjourned the meeting at 10:11 AM.

Submitted by:  
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