

FOREST PRESERVE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 9, 2012

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

ABSENT: S. Sallows.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Craver, Director; Doug Wells, Director of Golf; Marc Heinzman, Zoo Director; Scott White, Illiniwek Ranger; April Palmer, County Auditor; Shelly Chapman, County Board Secretary; Jim Taylor, Carpentier, Mitchell, Goddard Company; Cathy Bizarri and Bob Westpfahl.

Chairman Rockwell called the monthly meeting of the Forest Preserve Committee to order at 3:00 PM on Friday, November 9, 2012, at Indian Bluff Golf Course Club House in Milan, Illinois.

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

MOTION: Ms. Harmon approved the minutes. Second by Mr. Maranda. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Mr. Jim Taylor for a briefing on the FY11-12 Outside Audit. They audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Forest Preserve District for the year ended June 30, 2012. The Committee looked over the comprehensive annual financial report and the letter of transmittal, the independent auditors' report letter and the letter providing information related to their audit. Charts were provided outlining cash and investments, receivables, liabilities and tax revenues. They did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing their audit. They did acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to them by the personnel of the Forest Preserve District and County Auditor's office during the course of their audit. The commission will move to let the outside audit report lay on display for thirty days and will be enacted upon at the December Forest Preserve Commission.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the claims for the Forest Preserve Fund in the amount of \$158,824.32, the Niabi Zoo Fund claims in the amount of \$79,909.53 the Liability Insurance Fund claims in the amount of \$10,016.05.

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

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

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

Chairman Rockwell called for approval of a Resolution transferring \$6,557 from unappropriated Forest Preserve General Funds

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

Chairman Rockwell called for approval of a Resolution transferring \$20,350 from unappropriated Niabi Zoo Funds.

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

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve an "Intergovernmental Agreement Between Rock Island County and the County Forest Preserve District Regarding **Deputy Patrol of Loud Thunder**".

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to approve the Sheriff's Agreement. Mr. Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement Between Rock Island County and the County Forest Preserve District Regarding **County Services**".

MOTION: Dr. Simmer moved for approval of the County Services Agreement. Mr. Maranda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the Forest Preserve District's "**ADA Access Audit and Transition Plan**" and removal from display.

MOTION: Ms. Harmon moved to remove from display and approve the ADA Access Audit & Transition Plan. Mr. Dueysen seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve the "**Other Power Driven Mobility Device Policy**" and remove it from display.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to remove from display and approve the Power Driven Mobility Device Policy. Dr. Simmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called for a motion to approve a "**Service Animal Policy**" and remove it from display.

MOTION: Mr. Maranda moved to remove from display and approve the Service Animal Policy. Mr. Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Rockwell called on Mr. Wells for his Indian Bluff report. Mr. Wells reported they added fifty tons of sand to the bunkers. On Monday, they will blow out the irrigation system. They will put sno-mold down and plan to stay open until the end of November. Indian Bluff was inspected by Mr. Bohnsack.

Chairman Rockwell called on Scott White for the Illiniwek report. Mr. White reported they have winterized the shower house and restrooms at Illiniwek and Dorrance. The east side of the park is still open with closing at sunset. He reported the shower stalls are in need of repair, the fiberglass panels need to be replaced. When they went in to replace them, they found black mold. He will be getting prices on fixing the mold problem.

Chairman Rockwell called on Marc Heinzman for the Niabi Zoo report. He reported the snow leopard went to a New York Zoo and one of the young giraffes is leaving on Monday for

Oregon. He reported Boo at the Zoo was held October 27 & 28 and attendance was strong. The last weekend the Zoo will be open is November 10th & 11th. They will hold a holiday "Breakfast with the Animals" on December 1st. Their attendance for this year is at 255,028 which is a new record. The new Assistant Zoo Director, Dan Meates, started October 22nd.

Chairman Rockwell called on Mr. Craver for his report. Mr. Craver reported that Loud Thunder archery hunt has recorded ten deer taken so far. Ranger Mills is hoping to come home from the hospital around the end of this month and is semi-managing the park while recovering.

Mr. Paulsgrove, the Lake George concessionaire, is shut down and the IRS has locked up his business. The farm ground license at Niabi Zoo is renewed on an annual basis and Keith Johnson pays \$75 per acre for 11.4 acres. The license for Loud Thunder farm acreage of 32.5 acres, farmed by Gary Blanchard expires February 2015. The Oltman Estate house was auctioned off, Saturday, October 27th and the estate attorney is attempting to finalize estate liquidation. The spillway inspection for this year is to be conducted by John Fellman of Missman sometime in November and the report will be sent to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Water Resource Management. He reported the Forest Preserve Master Plan & Strategic Plans have been on standstill due to the workload of Doug DeLille, of Bi-State.

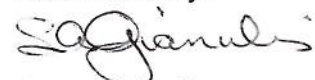
Mr. Craver said regarding the Illiniwek playground equipment, there are two promotional offers currently available, one is from Play & Park Structures and the other is Gametime Play Systems. Mr. Craver also received a quote from Midwest Sales Co. based on similar structures that were offered in the promotions. Midwest Sales Co. was able to construct a similar playground structure for \$24,500 plus \$4,900 freight, the other structure was in the amount of \$22,900 plus \$3,500 freight. These are non-budgeted items and the money will have to be found in un-appropriated funds.

MOTION: Mr. Dueysen moved to go with whichever playground equipment offer Mr. Craver thinks is the best buy. Mr. Maranda seconded. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Rockwell adjourned the meeting at 3:50 PM.

Submitted by:



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